

BEFORE THE TENNESSEE PUBLIC UTILITY COMMISSION

NASHVILLE, TENNESSEE

May 22, 2026

IN RE:

**PETITION OF TENNESSEE-AMERICAN WATER
COMPANY REGARDING THE 2026 PRODUCTION
COSTS AND OTHER PASS-THROUGHS RIDER**

**DOCKET NO.
26-00002**

**ORDER GRANTING ELECTRONIC PARTICIPATION OF
TENNESSEE-AMERICAN WATER COMPANY WITNESS IN HEARING**

This matter is before the Administrative Judge upon the *Motion to Appear and Participate at Hearing Electronically* (“*Motion*”) filed by Tennessee-American Water Company (“TAWC” or “Petitioner”) on May 22, 2026. In its *Motion*, TAWC seeks permission for its witness, Phillip J. Drennan, to participate electronically in the Hearing in this docket to be held during the regularly scheduled Commission Conference beginning at 10:00 a.m. (CDT) on June 1, 2026. TAWC requests that its witness be allowed to participate in the Hearing by electronic means because Mr. Drennan will be working outside of Middle Tennessee on the date of the Hearing and personal appearance would be burdensome.

Under the Tennessee Uniform Administrative Procedures Act, decisions involving electronic participation in a hearing are within the Administrative Judge’s discretion:

(c) In the discretion of the administrative judge or hearing officer and agency members and by agreement of the parties, all or part of the hearing may be conducted by telephone, television or other electronic means, if each participant in the hearing has an opportunity to participate in, to hear, and, if technically feasible, to see the entire proceedings while taking place.¹

¹ Tenn. Code Ann. § 4-5-312(c) (2025).

In accordance with the above-referenced statute and considering that the request was timely filed and that personal appearance by the witness would be burdensome, the Administrative Judge grants TAWC's *Motion*, subject to compliance with the following conditions:²

1. Petitioner's attorney shall appear personally at the Hearing to present and facilitate questioning of the Petitioner's witness.

2. The Petitioner's attorney shall provide the Administrative Judge with the witness's correct email address so that the WebEx video link can be emailed to the witness prior to the Hearing.

3. The witness should join the WebEx videoconference link at least five minutes before the Commission Conference begins, turn his camera off, and mute his microphone until this docket is called.

4. The witness shall have the technological resources to access the WebEx videoconferencing platform so that the witness can be seen and heard clearly via the provided WebEx link for the Hearing.


5. If the witness is unable to comply with these conditions or technological difficulties prevent the use of the WebEx videoconferencing platform for the Hearing, the Hearing may have to be postponed.

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED THAT:

1. Subject to the conditions set forth in this Order, Tennessee-American Water Company's witness may appear and participate electronically in the Hearing to be held on June 1, 2026, at 10:00 a.m. (CDT).

² In its *Motion*, TAWC states that, to the extent required, a Notary Public will be present to administer the Oath and remain during testimony of Mr. Drennan if he testifies by telephone and is not visible by video. The June 1, 2026, Commission Conference will utilize the WebEx videoconferencing platform. Therefore, the witness will appear on camera and be subject to the conditions set forth in this Order.

2. To avoid disruption of other matters scheduled for consideration by the Commission, persons authorized to participate electronically shall join the WebEx videoconferencing link at least five minutes before the start time set for the Commission Conference. The Commission Conference will begin promptly.



Aaron J. Conklin, Administrative Judge