

BEFORE THE TENNESSEE PUBLIC UTILITY COMMISSION

NASHVILLE, TENNESSEE

July 28, 2026

IN RE:

**PETITION OF TENNESSEE WASTEWATER
SYSTEMS, INC., TO AMEND ITS CERTIFICATE OF
CONVENIENCE AND NECESSITY TO INCLUDE
GLENCOE SUBDIVISION IN WILLIAMSON
COUNTY, TENNESSEE**

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**DOCKET NO.
26-00004**

**ORDER APPROVING PETITION TO AMEND ITS CERTIFICATE OF PUBLIC
CONVENIENCE AND NECESSITY TO INCLUDE GLENCOE SUBDIVISION**

This matter came before Chairman David F. Jones, Vice Chairman John A. Hie, Commissioner Herbert H. Hilliard, Commissioner Robin L. Morrison, and Commissioner Kenneth C. Hill of the Tennessee Public Utility Commission (the “Commission” or “TPUC”), the panel assigned to this docket, during a hearing held on June 29, 2026, to consider the *Petition to Amend its Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity to Include Glencoe Subdivision* (“*Petition*”) filed by Tennessee Wastewater Systems, Inc. (“TWSI,” “Company,” or “Petitioner”) on January 20, 2026.¹ In its *Petition*, TWSI requests the Commission’s approval of an amendment to its Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity (“CCN”) to provide residential wastewater service to the Glencoe Subdivision located in Williamson County, Tennessee.

BACKGROUND AND PETITION

TWSI is a corporation organized under the laws of the State of Tennessee, with its principal place of business located at 851 Aviation Parkway, Smyrna, Tennessee.² The Company holds a CCN authorizing it to provide wastewater services within certain designated service areas in the State of

¹ The hearing was conducted using the Webex audiovisual platform.

² *Petition*, p. 1 (January 20, 2026).

Tennessee.³ In its *Petition*, TWSI seeks to expand its service area to provide wastewater services to the Glencoe Subdivision in Williamson County, Tennessee.⁴

In support of its *Petition*, the Company filed maps showing the location of the Glencoe Subdivision, documents demonstrating the Company's corporate structure and management experience, and a letter from Williamson County Government stating that it does not operate, nor does it intend to operate a wastewater facility serving the Glencoe Subdivision.⁵ The Company also filed a letter from the Nolensville/College Grove Utility District indicating that it is releasing its charter rights to provide sanitary sewer service for the proposed Glencoe Subdivision.⁶ Upon completion of the system, TWSI will serve all 21 single-family homes to be built out in one phase.⁷

The Company also filed the pre-filed testimony of Bryan Bellar, TWSI's Director of Operations and Technology.⁸ Mr. Bellar testified that TWSI received its initial CCN in 1994, has been granted over 100 CCNs, and provides wastewater services to customers in 23 Tennessee counties.⁹ He further stated that Glencoe Subdivision is located in Williamson County, Tennessee, and is planned to include 21 single-family homes.¹⁰ The wastewater collection system to serve the subdivision consists of a watertight effluent pressure collection system, utilizing STEP/STEG tanks and a rotating biological contactor treatment system. He stated that the treated effluent will be land-applied for disposal and that this type of system is similar to the majority of the systems already owned and operated by TWSI.¹¹ Mr. Bellar also testified that TWSI will adhere to the Commission's orders and rules, including the affiliate transaction rule and the rules requiring completion of

³ Bryan Bellar, Pre-Filed Direct Testimony, p. 1 (January 21, 2026).

⁴ *Petition*, p. 1 (January 20, 2026).

⁵ *Id.* at Exs. 2, 4, 7, 12A, 15.

⁶ *Tennessee Wastewater Systems, Inc., Response to Commission Data Request Filed April 17, 2026*, Ex. 2 (April 24, 2026).

⁷ *Id.* at 2; Bryan Bellar, Pre-Filed Direct Testimony, p. 2 (January 21, 2026).

⁸ Bryan Bellar, Pre-Filed Direct Testimony, p. 1 (January 21, 2026).

⁹ *Id.*

¹⁰ *Id.* at 2.

¹¹ *Id.*

construction of the wastewater system within three years of approval of the CCN.¹² No party sought intervention in this matter.

STANDARD FOR COMMISSION APPROVAL

A public utility is not permitted to begin construction or operation of a new utility service without first obtaining a CCN from the Commission, as set forth in Tenn. Code Ann. § 65-4-201(a), which states:

No public utility shall establish or begin the construction of, or operate any line, plant, or system, or route in or into a municipality or other territory already receiving a like service from another public utility, or establish service therein, without first having obtained from the commission, after written application and hearing, a certificate that the present or future public convenience and necessity require or will require such construction, establishment, and operation, and no person or corporation not at the time a public utility shall commence the construction of any plant, line, system, or route to be operated as a public utility, or the operation of which would constitute the same, or the owner or operator thereof, a public utility as defined by law, without having first obtained, in like manner, a similar certificate; provided, however, that this section shall not be construed to require any public utility to obtain a certificate for an extension in or about a municipality or territory where it shall theretofore have lawfully commenced operations, or for an extension into territory, whether within or without a municipality, contiguous to its route, plant, line, or system, and not theretofore receiving service of a like character from another public utility, or for substitute or additional facilities in or to territory already served by it.¹³

In addition, to obtain a CCN to provide wastewater service, TPUC Rule 1220-04-13-.17 (1) states:

Any public wastewater utility requesting a Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity (“CCN”) in accordance with Tenn. Code Ann. §§ 65-4-201, *et seq.*, shall file an application that complies with Rule 1220-01-01-.03 and this rule. Each applicant shall demonstrate to the Commission that it possesses sufficient managerial, financial, and technical capabilities to provide the wastewater services for which it has applied. Each application shall demonstrate that there exists a public need for wastewater service and include the required financial security consistent with Tenn. Code Ann. § 65-4-201, and these rules.¹⁴

¹² *Id.* at 3.

¹³ Tenn. Code Ann. § 65-4-109 (2022).

¹⁴ Tenn. Comp. R. & Regs. 1220-04-13-.17.

The rule further establishes minimum information filing requirements for applications seeking new or expanded CCNs.¹⁵

THE HEARING

A hearing in this matter was held before the panel of Commissioners on June 29, 2026, as was noticed by the Commission on June 22, 2026. Participating in the hearing were:

Tennessee Wastewater Systems, Inc.– Jeff Risdien, Esq., Chief Executive Officer and General Counsel, and Bryan Bellar, Director of Operations and Technology, Tennessee Wastewater Systems, Inc., 851 Aviation Pkwy, Smyrna, Tennessee.

During the hearing, Bryan Bellar, TWSI's Director of Operations and Technology, appeared on behalf of the Company. Mr. Bellar ratified and summarized his Pre-Filed Testimony and was subject to questioning before the panel. Members of the public were given an opportunity to offer comments, but no one sought recognition to do so.

FINDINGS AND CONCLUSIONS

In its *Petition*, TWSI asks the Commission to amend its CCN to include Glencoe Subdivision in Williamson County, Tennessee, alleging that the Company possesses the managerial, technical, and financial capability to provide service to the subdivision. Based on a review and consideration of the pleadings, the Pre-Filed Testimony, and the entire administrative record, the voting panel made the following findings and conclusions:

The panel found that Glencoe Subdivision requires wastewater service for the proposed development and is not currently connected to a wastewater treatment facility operated by a municipal utility, utility district, or another private wastewater utility. No other utility is seeking to serve the subdivision. Therefore, the panel voted unanimously that there exists a public need to provide wastewater service to Glencoe Subdivision as required by Tenn. Code Ann. § 65-4-201(a) and Commission Rule 1220-04-13-.17(1).

¹⁵ *Id.*

The panel further found that TWSI has demonstrated the requisite managerial, financial, and technical capabilities to provide wastewater service to Glencoe Subdivision. In addition, TWSI is in good standing with the Commission and compliant with all Commission rules. Based upon these findings, the panel voted unanimously to grant the Company's *Petition*, contingent upon the satisfactory completion and filing of certain necessary documents listed in the ordering clause of this Order.

The panel also directed the Company to file a report in this docket demonstrating its compliance with the filing requirements before providing wastewater service to Glencoe Subdivision. In the event that the final compliance report is not filed within six months, the panel further directed TWSI to file, within six months from the date of this Order and every six months thereafter until the installation is complete, a report on the status of its provision of wastewater service to the Glencoe Subdivision, as well as the status of its compliance with the filing requirements listed in the ordering clause of this Order.

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED THAT:

1. The *Petition to Amend Its Certificate of Convenience and Necessity to Include Glencoe Subdivision* filed by Tennessee Wastewater Systems, Inc., is approved, contingent upon Tennessee Wastewater Systems, Inc., filing the following required documents in this docket:

a. The deed and/or easements for all the land and ownership rights to the wastewater system within 15 days of being issued and before the first customer is connected to the wastewater system;

b. A copy of the final State Operating Permit issued by the Tennessee Department of Environment and Conservation within 15 days of issuance;

c. A copy of the as-built plans with signed certification by Tennessee Wastewater Systems, Inc., indicating the wastewater system has been inspected and is approved to begin operation;

d. A copy of the signed plat, once the area of development is approved by the City and/or County government within 15 days of being issued and before the first customer is connected to the wastewater system;

e. A copy of the applicable contractor's license for the designated contractor who has the primary responsibility for installation of the wastewater system infrastructure; and

f. A copy of the performance bond from the developer or builder of the wastewater system made payable to Tennessee Wastewater Systems, Inc., to ensure the construction of the wastewater system. The performance bond should be for an amount equal to or greater than the cost of the system as provided in contracts between the builder, developer, and/or utility.

2. Tennessee Wastewater Systems, Inc., is directed to file a report in this docket demonstrating its compliance with the filing of the above-referenced documents before providing wastewater service to the Glencoe Subdivision. In the event the final compliance report is not filed, Tennessee Wastewater Systems, Inc., is directed to file, within six months from the date of this Order and every six months thereafter until the installation is complete, a report on the status of the provision of wastewater service to Glencoe Subdivision and the status of its compliance with the filing of the above-referenced documents.

3. Any person aggrieved by the Commission's decision in this matter may file a Petition for Reconsideration with the Commission within 15 days from the date of this Order.

4. Any person aggrieved by the Commission's decision in this matter has the right to judicial review by filing a Petition for Review in the Tennessee Court of Appeals, Middle Section, within 60 days from the date of this Order.

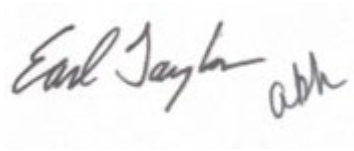
FOR THE TENNESSEE PUBLIC UTILITY COMMISSION:

Commission Panel Vote

The Commission panel has adopted the foregoing order.
All members present and voting concurred; none dissented.

David F. Jones, Chairman
John A. Hie, Vice Chairman
Herbert H. Hilliard, Commissioner
Robin L. Morrison, Commissioner
Kenneth C. Hill, Commissioner

Order Issued and Attested By:

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Earl R. Taylor, Executive Director