

BEFORE THE TENNESSEE PUBLIC UTILITY COMMISSION

NASHVILLE, TENNESSEE

February 13, 2026

IN RE:)
)
PETITION OF INTEGRATED RESOURCE) **DOCKET NO.**
MANAGEMENT, INC d/b/a IRM UTILITY FOR) **26-00008**
APPROVAL TO WITHDRAW ESCROW FUNDS)

ORDER GRANTING ELECTRONIC PARTICIPATION IN HEARING

This matter is before the Administrative Judge upon the *Petitioner’s Motion to Permit the Virtual Appearance and Testimony of Jeffrey Cox, Jr.* (“*Motion*”) filed by Integrated Resource Management, Inc. d/b/a IRM Utility (“IRM,” “Company,” or “Petitioner”) on February 11, 2026. In its *Motion*, IRM seeks permission for its witness, Jeffrey Cox, Jr., to testify virtually via WebEx in the Hearing in the above-captioned matter to be held during the regularly scheduled Commission Conference beginning at 10:00 a.m. (CST) on February 17, 2026. IRM requests that its witness be allowed to participate virtually in the Hearing to avoid the travel and lodging expenses that would be required by his personal appearance.

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

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

¹ Tenn. Code Ann § 4-5-312(c) (2021).

grants IRM's *Motion*, subject to compliance with the following conditions:

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 the camera off, and mute the 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, the witness for Integrated Resource Management, Inc. d/b/a IRM Utility may appear and participate electronically in the Hearing to be held on February 17, 2026, at 10:00 a.m. (CST).
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 (5) minutes before the start time set for the Commission Conference**. The Commission Conference will begin promptly.


Monica Smith-Ashford, Administrative Judge

cc: Interested Parties
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