

BEFORE THE TENNESSEE PUBLIC UTILITY COMMISSION

NASHVILLE, TENNESSEE

September 4, 2026

IN RE:

PETITION OF SPIRE TENNESSEE INC. FOR
APPROVAL OF ITS 2026 ANNUAL REVIEW OF
RATES MECHANISM PURSUANT TO TENN. CODE
ANN. §65-5-103(d)(6)

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ORDER GRANTING CONSUMER ADVOCATE’S MOTION
FOR LEAVE TO FILE A REPLY TO SPIRE’S OPPOSITION TO THE
CONSUMER ADVOCATE’S MOTION TO TAKE ADMINISTRATIVE NOTICE

This matter is before the Administrative Judge upon the *Consumer Advocate’s Motion for Leave to File a Reply to Spire’s Opposition to the Consumer Advocate’s Motion to Take Administrative Notice* (“*Motion to File Reply*”), filed by the Consumer Advocate Division of the Office of the Tennessee Attorney General (“Consumer Advocate”). In its *Motion to File Reply*, filed on September 2, 2026, the Consumer Advocate seeks approval to file a reply to the *Response of Spire Tennessee Inc. in Opposition to Consumer Advocate’s Motion to Take Administrative Notice* (“*Response to Motion to Take Administrative Notice*”).

The Consumer Advocate filed a *Motion to Take Administrative Notice* on August 25, 2026, requesting that the Commission take administrative notice of the opinion of the Tennessee Court of Appeals in *Consumer Advoc. & Prot. Div. of Atty. Gen. of Tennessee v. Tennessee Regul. Auth.*, No. M2011-00028-COAR12CV, 2012 WL 1964593 (Tenn. Ct. App. May 30, 2012) and the terms “base rates” and “costs of gas.”¹ On September 1, 2026, Spire TN filed its *Response to Take*

¹ *Motion to Take Administrative Notice*, p. 1 (August 25, 2026).

Administrative Notice. The Consumer Advocate filed its *Motion to File Reply*, the following day. At a Pre-Hearing Conference held on September 2, 2026, Spire TN stated that it had no objection to the *Motion to File Reply*.

Commission Rule 1220-01-02-.06 states that, “[n]o reply to a response shall be filed except upon order of the Commission of Hearing Officer.”²

There being no objection, the Administrative Judge finds that it is reasonable to permit the Consumer Advocate to file its reply to the *Response to Take Administrative Notice*. Therefore, the *Consumer Advocate’s Motion for Leave to File a Reply to Spire’s Opposition to the Consumer Advocate’s Motion to Take Administrative Notice* is GRANTED.

IT IS SO ORDERED.

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'A. Conklin', with a stylized flourish at the end.

Aaron J. Conklin
Administrative Judge
By Commission Delegated Authority

² Tenn. Comp. R. & Regs. 1220-01-02-.06(3).