

BEFORE THE TENNESSEE PUBLIC UTILITY COMMISSION

NASHVILLE, TENNESSEE

September 10, 2026

IN RE:

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

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DOCKET NO.
26-00042

ORDER GRANTING MOTION FOR LEAVE FOR WITNESS TO APPEAR REMOTELY

This matter is before the Administrative Judge upon the *Motion for Leave for Witness to Appear Remotely* (“*Motion*”) filed by the Consumer Advocate Division of the Office of the Attorney General (“Consumer Advocate”) on September 9, 2026. In its *Motion*, the Consumer Advocate seeks permission for its witness, Bradley Dixon, to testify by remote means in the hearing in the above-captioned matter to be held at 12:30 p.m. (CDT) on September 14, 2026, and continuing on September 15, 2026, the following day, if necessary. Consumer Advocate requests that its witness be allowed to testify by remote means due to medical circumstances that prevent Mr. Dixon from attending in person. The *Motion* also states that Spire Tennessee Inc. has no objection to Mr. Dixon appearing remotely.

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

(c) The administrative judge or hearing officer and agency members may, by agreement of the parties, conduct all or part of the hearing telephonically, electronically, or by audio-visual means if each participant in the hearing has an opportunity to participate in, hear, and, if technically feasible, see the entire proceedings while the proceedings are taking place. Notwithstanding this authority, the administrative judge or hearing officer may permit the testimony of a witness by contemporaneous audio-visual transmission from a different location

when the absence of the witness would otherwise cause a delay to the hearing.¹

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

1. Counsel for the Consumer Advocate shall appear personally at the hearing to present and facilitate questioning of the Consumer Advocate's witness.
2. Counsel for the Consumer Advocate 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. Mr. Dixon should join the WebEx videoconference link at least five (5) minutes before the hearing begins, turn his camera off, and mute the microphone until he is called to testify.
4. Mr. Dixon shall have the technological resources to access the WebEx videoconferencing platform so that he can be seen and heard clearly via the provided WebEx link for the hearing.
5. If Mr. Dixon is unable to comply with these conditions or technological difficulties prevents the use of the WebEx videoconferencing platform for the hearing, the hearing may need to be postponed.

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED THAT:

1. Subject to the conditions set forth in this Order, the Consumer Advocate Division of the Office of the Attorney General's witness may appear and participate electronically in the hearing to be held on September 14, 2026, at 12:30 p.m. (CDT), and continuing on September 15, 2026.

¹ Tenn. Code Ann. § 4-5-312(c) (West 2026).

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



Aaron J. Conklin
Administrative Judge
By Commission Delegated Authority