

BEFORE THE TENNESSEE PUBLIC UTILITY COMMISSION

NASHVILLE, TENNESSEE

August 20, 2026

IN RE:

**PETITION OF LIMESTONE WATER UTILITY
OPERATING COMPANY, LLC TO ELECT AND OPT
INTO AN ANNUAL RATE REVIEW MECHANISM
AND ARRM TARIFF PRUSANT TO TENN. CODE
ANN §65-5-103(d)(6)**

**DOCKET NO.
26-00070**

**ORDER DISMISSING AS MOOT THE MOTION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME
TO RESPOND TO THE CONSUMER ADVOCATE’S MOTION TO DISMISS**

This matter is before the Administrative Judge of the Tennessee Public Utility Commission (“Commission” or “TPUC”) to consider *Limestone Water Utility Operating Company, LLC’s Motion for Extension of Time to Respond to the Consumer Advocate’s Motion to Dismiss* filed by Limestone Water Utility Operating Company, LLC (“Limestone” or “Company”) on August 17, 2026.

RELEVANT BACKGROUND

On August 4, 2026, Limestone filed its *Petition of Limestone Water Utility Operating Company, LLC to Elect and Opt Into Annual Rate Review Mechanism and ARRM Tariff Pursuant to Tenn. Code Ann. § 65-5-103(d)(6)* (“*Petition*”). On August 11, 2026, the Consumer Advocate Division of the Office of the Attorney General (“Consumer Advocate”) filed its *Motion to Dismiss Limestone’s Petition for an ARRM as Premature* (“*Motion to Dismiss*”).

Over the following days, the Parties filed a series of related preliminary motions and responses. Limestone filed a *Motion for Extension of Time to Respond to the Consumer Advocate’s Motion to Dismiss* (“*Motion for Time Extension*”) on August 17, 2026. The Consumer Advocate indicated it did not oppose the *Motion for Time Extension* in a filing on August 18, 2026. Limestone subsequently filed its *Response to Consumer Advocate’s Motion to Dismiss* on August 19, 2026.

FINDINGS & CONCLUSIONS

With respect to preliminary motions, Commission Rule 1220-01-02-.06(2) provides that, “[a]ny party opposing a motion shall file and serve a response within seven days after service of the motion.”¹ As part of its general Rules of Practice and Procedure, the Commission has also promulgated Rule 1220-01-01-.11, which governs the calculation of time. In relevant part, the rule establishes that “[w]hen the time prescribed or allowed is one week or less, intermediate Saturdays, Sundays, and legal holidays shall be excluded from the computation.”² Commission rules are generally interpreted in harmony to ensure consistency. In this instance, both provisions can be applied cohesively, giving effect to each.

Rule 1220-01-02-.06(2) requires the response to the Consumer Advocate’s *Motion to Dismiss* to be filed within seven days after service of the *Motion to Dismiss*. However, because the response period is seven days, the Rule 1220-01-01-.11 exclusion of weekends and legal holidays applies. Reading these provisions together results in a due date of August 20, 2026, for Limestone’s response to the *Motion to Dismiss*.

Limestone filed its response on August 19, 2026, within the timeframe established by Commission Rules. Although the Consumer Advocate did not oppose Limestone’s *Motion for Time Extension*, the request for additional time proved unnecessary. Accordingly, the Administrative Judge finds that Limestone’s *Motion for Time Extension* is moot and dismisses it on that basis.

IT IS SO ORDERED.



Aaron J. Conklin
Administrative Judge
By Commission Delegated Authority

¹ Tenn. R. & Regs. 1220-01-02-.06(2).

² Tenn. R. & Regs. 1220-01-01-.11.