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Hearing Location(s) (for additional locations, copy and paste table)

Address 1:	Andrew Jackson State Office Building
Address 2:	500 Deaderick Street, Hearing Room G.201 (accessible from 5 th Avenue entrance)
City:	Nashville
Zip:	37243
Hearing Date:	December 2, 2026
Hearing Time:	10:00 a.m. Central Time

Alternate Hearing Options:

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Additional Hearing Information:

A copy of this initial draft rule and a redline version are available for public review and comment on the Commission's website under Docket No. 26-00079.

Verbal and written comments will be accepted during the hearing. Written comments may also be filed with the Commission Docket Manager at the address listed above or electronically at TPUC.DocketRoom@tn.gov. Include the docket number. To be considered, written comments must be received by 4:30 p.m. Central Time on December 2, 2026.

Revision Type (check all that apply):

☒ Amendment
☐ New
☐ Repeal

Rule(s) (ALL chapters and rules contained in filing must be listed. If needed, copy and paste additional tables to accommodate more than one chapter. Please enter only **ONE** Rule Number/Rule Title per row.)

Chapter Number	Chapter Title
1220-01-02	Practice and Procedure – Contested Cases
Rule Number	Rule Title
1220-01-02-.23	Petition for Rates

Place substance of rules and other info here. Please be sure to include a detailed explanation of the changes being made to the listed rule(s). Statutory authority must be given for each rule change. For information on formatting rules go to <https://sos.tn.gov/publications/services/rulemaking-guidelines>.

**Chapter 1220-01-02
Contested Cases**

The Rule Title of 1220-01-02-.23 Petition for Rates is amended by deleting the title in its entirety and substituting the following title instead so that the chapter title shall read:

1220-01-02-.23 Notice Requirements for Rate-Related Petitions

1220-01-02-.23 is amended by deleting it in its entirety and substituting instead the following:

- (1) This section applies to all rate-related petitions filed under T.C.A. § 65-5-103, including initial petitions filed under T.C.A. § 65-5-103(d), but excludes subsequent petitions filed in accordance with an approved alternative regulatory mechanism.
- (2) Commission notice required before the initiation of a rate-related proceeding:
 - (a) The petitioner must file a notice of its intention to file a rate-related petition with the Docket Manager no less than 30 and no more than 60 calendar days before formally filing its petition. Simultaneously with filing the notice with the Docket Manager, the petitioner must email copies to the Commission's General Counsel, the Utilities Division Director, the Consumer Advocate Division of the Tennessee Attorney General's Office, and all parties of record in the utility's most recent rate case.
 - (b) Filing the notice in (a) triggers a formal proceeding and requires payment of the filing fee under T.C.A. § 65-2-103 and Rule 1220-01-01-.04. However, the statutory deadline under T.C.A. § 65-5-103 will commence upon the filing of a complete rate petition and the expiration of the required 30-day notice period.
- (3) A petition for new or revised rates is complete only if it includes:
 - (a) A summary of the proposed changes, including estimated monthly and annual impacts for all customer classes;
 - (b) Pre-filed testimony supporting the rate change; and
 - (c) A proposed tariff implementing the change.
- (4) Customer Notices

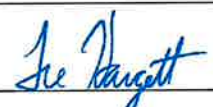
- (a) Within 45 days of filing the petition, or by the next billing cycle, whichever occurs first, the utility must provide direct notice to customers of its filing, including the summary required by (3)(a), in the same format used to deliver bills (electronic or first-class mail).
 - (b) At least 60 days before the anticipated hearing date, the utility must update its website and provide direct notice to customers in the same format used to deliver bills (electronic or first-class mail). The update and notice must include the hearing date, time, and location; information about the opportunity for public comment; an accurate summary of the proposed rate or rate changes currently filed with the Commission, as presented in the Company's testimony; and a summary of the positions of all intervening parties, including any alternative rate proposals.
 - (c) A duly authorized officer or attorney must file a written statement with the Commission within 7 days of each notice required under (a) and (b), confirming that the customer notices were distributed as described above.
- (5) Discovery in rate proceedings shall be governed by Rule 1220-01-02-.11 (General Discovery Procedures).

Authority: T.C.A. §§ 65-2-102, 65-4-104.

I certify that the information included in this filing is an accurate and complete representation of the intent and scope of rulemaking proposed by the agency.

Date: 9/23/2026
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