

BEFORE THE TENNESSEE PUBLIC UTILITY COMMISSION

NASHVILLE, TENNESSEE

October 1, 2026

IN RE:

**RULEMAKING TO AMEND NOTICE
REQUIREMENTS FOR RATE-RELATED PETITIONS
IN TENNESSEE. R & REGS. 1220-01-02-.23**

**DOCKET NO.
26-00079**

NOTICE OF HEARING AND PUBLIC COMMENT ON RULEMAKING

On September 28, 2026, the Tennessee Public Utility Commission filed a Notice of Rulemaking Hearing with the Tennessee Secretary of State (see docket file), scheduling a hearing on the proposed rule amendments for **10:00 a.m. on December 2, 2026**. The hearing will be held in person at 500 Deaderick Street, Hearing Room G.201, Nashville, TN 37243. Electronic participation via the WebEx platform is also available:

Method 1: Join by going to this link:

<https://tn.webex.com/tn/j.php?MTID=m92caede428f9f3ed74efa3807a2d9d5e>

Meeting number (access code): 2302 693 4741; Meeting password: 3vpR4tRuV3p
([Dial 23026934741@tn.webex.com](mailto:Dial23026934741@tn.webex.com) when joining from a video system)

Method 2: Join by phone +1 615-747-4911 Webex Call-In or +1-415-655-0001 US Toll

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Keep your telephone on mute. You may need to press *6.

To avoid disrupting the proceedings, callers are asked to dial in at least five (5) minutes before the 10:00 a.m. start time.*

A redlined version of Rule 1220-01-02-.23 is attached to this notice for convenience. Please include the docket number above when filing written comments using the [TPUC Online Public Comment Form](#) or with the Commission Docket Manager at TPUC.DocketRoom@tn.gov or via U.S. Mail to 500 Deaderick Street, 4th Floor, Nashville, TN 37243. To be considered, written comments must be received by 4:30 p.m. Central Time on December 2, 2026.

If you have a question on the day of the proceeding, contact the Docket Manager at (615) 651-0754.

FOR THE TENNESSEE PUBLIC UTILITY COMMISSION:



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Redline Version of Proposed Rule Amendments

1220-01-02-.23, Contested Cases, ~~Petition for Rates~~ **Notice Requirements for Rate-Related Petitions.**

- (1) The rules in this section ~~shall apply to petitions to revise rates filed under T.C.A. § 65-5-103(a).~~ **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 ~~is required to~~ **must** file a notice of its intention to file a petition for revision of rates with the Docket Manager not less than 30 calendar days **and no more than 60 days** before **formally** filing its petition. ~~At that time~~ **Simultaneously with filing the notice with the Docket Manager, the petitioner must** ~~a copy of the notice must also be emailed~~ **copies** to the Commission's General Counsel, the Director of the Utilities Division, the Consumer Advocate Division of the Tennessee Attorney General's Office, and all parties of record from the utility's most recent rate case. ~~This notice will initiate a proceeding that requires the applicable filing fee under T.C.A. § 65-2-103 and Commission Rule 1220-01-01-.04, but does not begin the calculation of time under T.C.A. § 65-4-103(a) and (b).~~
 - (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** ~~revision of rates shall include the following information to be considered~~ **is complete only if it includes:**
 - (a) A summary of the proposed changes, ~~that includes~~ **including** ~~an estimated residential and commercial monthly and annual increase if the requested change is granted~~ **impacts for all customer classes;**
 - (b) Pre-filed testimony supporting the ~~proposed~~ rate change; and,
 - (c) A **proposed** tariff implementing the ~~proposed~~ change.
- (4) Customer ~~n~~ **Notices** ~~of the petition shall be required:~~
 - (a) ~~Within the next billing cycle or 45 days of the filing date of the rate petition, or by the next billing cycle, whichever is sooner occurs first, the Company applying for a revision of rates shall send directly to its customers, in the same manner they receive billing statements, either electronically or by first-class mail, a notice of its filing that includes the summary set forth in (3)(a) above~~ **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) ~~Once the date and location of the hearing on the petition have been determined, the Company must, within five days, provide an accurate update to the notice previously posted on its website and send the update directly to its customers in the same~~

~~manner they receive their billing statements, either electronically or by first-class mail. This update shall include the date, location, and time scheduled for the hearing, an accurate summary of the proposed rate or rate changes currently presented to the Commission in the Company's testimony, and a summary of the position, including rates or rate changes, proposed by any intervening parties.~~ 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) ~~The petitioner, by a~~ A duly authorized officer, or by its attorney, shall file a statement in writing on or before the date of hearing that the information required above has been distributed to its customers in the same manner they receive billing statements 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).