

**BEFORE THE TENNESSEE PUBLIC UTILITY COMMISSION
NASHVILLE, TENNESSEE**

October 15, 2026

IN RE:	)	
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PETITION OF LIMESTONE WATER UTILITY	)	
OPERATING COMPANY, LLC TO ELECT AND	)	DOCKET NO.
OPT INTO AN ANNUAL RATE REVIEW	)	26-00080
MECHANISM AND ARRM TARIFF PURSUANT	)	
TO TENN. CODE ANN. § 65-5-103(d)(6)	)	

**ORDER ON OCTOBER 13, 2026, STATUS CONFERENCE
AND ESTABLISHING PROCEDURAL SCHEDULE**

This matter came before the Administrative Judge during a Status Conference held via videoconference on October 13, 2026, on the *Petition of Limestone Water Utility Operating Company, LLC to Elect and Opt Into an Annual Rate Review Mechanism and ARRM Tariff Pursuant to Tenn. Code Ann. § 65-5-103(d)(6)* (“*Petition*”) filed by Limestone Water Utility Operating Company, LLC (“Limestone”) on October 5, 2026. The Status Conference was held to discuss the Procedural Schedule and other issues related to the progress of this docket.

PROCEDURAL SCHEDULE

The Administrative Judge informally circulated a draft procedural schedule to the Parties, inviting comments and questions. Limestone noted that the proposed deadline for filing its rebuttal testimony fell on the same date as the Commission’s scheduled December 2026 Conference and requested that the deadline be delayed to avoid the conflict.

The draft schedule included a date for filing of an issues list, either jointly or individually. Both the Consumer Advocate Division of the Office of the Attorney General (“Consumer Advocate”) and Limestone expressed reasons supporting removal of this requirement.

In addition, the proposed schedule provided for one round of formal discovery for each Party. The Consumer Advocate requested a second round of formal discovery, consistent with many prior Commission dockets. Limestone opposed this request, asserting that one round of discovery is sufficient given the streamlined statutory deadline.

The Administrative Judge convened a Status Conference on October 13, 2026, to further discuss and finalize the procedural schedule. Both Parties presented their arguments and rationales for the positions previously raised.

A procedural schedule is intended to efficiently advance the docket to a hearing and final resolution on the merits. It must also allow the Commission Staff adequate time to analyze filings, prepare recommendations for the voting panel, and provide the panel sufficient time for review. However, the effectiveness of any procedural schedule depends on the Parties' cooperation in meeting the established deadlines.

This docket is subject to a statutory 120-day deadline, calculated from the date the *Petition* was filed. The 120-day in this case includes multiple holidays that further complicate scheduling. The Administrative Judge found it reasonable to adjust the draft schedule to avoid the December 2026 Commission Conference date and to exclude the issues list deadline. However, given the statutory time constraints, the Administrative Judge determined that only one round of formal discovery for the Consumer Advocate is appropriate. The Parties are encouraged engage in informal discovery for any necessary follow-up, clarification, or supplementation. Either Party may file a motion for additional formal discovery should difficulties arise with informal discovery.

In accordance with these findings, the Administrative Judge hereby establishes the Procedural Schedule set forth in **Exhibit A** attached to this Order.

IT IS SO ORDERED.

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'A. Conklin', is written over the printed name.

Aaron J. Conklin
Administrative Judge
By Commission Delegated Authority

EXHIBIT A
PROCEDURAL SCHEDULE

Docket No. 26-00080

October 15, 2026

Due Date	Filing/Activity
August 31, 2026	Notice of Filing
October 5, 2026	Filing Date
October 21, 2026	Consumer Advocate's 1 st Discovery Request
October 30, 2026	Limestone's Response to 1 st Discovery Request
November 18, 2026	Consumer Advocate's Pre-Filed Testimony
November 24, 2026	Limestone's Discovery Request
December 7, 2026	Consumer Advocate's Response to Discovery Request
December 16, 2026	Limestone's Rebuttal Testimony (or testimony in support of settlement if one is reached)
December 17, 2026	Pre-Hearing Motions
December 18, 2026	Deadline for Filing Settlement Agreement
January 4, 2027	Pre-Hearing Conference
January 11, 2027	Target Hearing Date
January 27, 2027	Deliberation Date (via WebEx)
February 2, 2027	Statutory Deadline

- All filings shall be filed in the TPUC docket room by 2:00 p.m. (Central Time) on the date due.
- Nothing herein restricts the Parties from participating in additional informal discovery.
- Copies of all discovery exchanged between the Parties shall be filed with TPUC within three business days of the exchange of information.
- All spreadsheets shall be filed in Excel format with working formulas intact.
- Any Pre-filed Testimony should include all supporting worksheets in Excel format with working formulas intact.
- Rebuttal Testimony should be limited only to issues raised in the Consumer Advocate's Direct Testimony and should include the page and line number of the Consumer Advocate's testimony that is being rebutted.