## **TENNESSEE PUBLIC UTILITY COMMISSION**



502 Deaderick Street, 4th Floor Nashville, Tennessee 37243

## NOTICE OF ADMINISTRATIVE PROCEDURE

Delegation of Authority in Contested Case Proceedings

To ensure the efficient and timely resolution of matters brought before the agency, Chair Robin L. Morrison, Vice Chair Kenneth C. Hill, Commissioner Herbert H. Hilliard, Commissioner David F. Jones, and Commissioner John A. Hie, of the Tennessee Public Utility Commission take the following administrative action:

Upon the filing of an initial petition that gives rise to a contested case proceeding, as defined in Tenn. Code Ann. §§ 65-2-101(2) or 4-5-102(3), the petition will be referred to General Counsel or his/her designee as Hearing Officer for the purpose of preparing the matter for a hearing before the assigned panel of Commissioners, as needed. The Hearing Officer is authorized to address all preliminary matters, including, but not limited to, a determination of jurisdiction, dispositive motions, consideration of requests for protective orders, intervention, discovery matters, and to establish a procedural schedule. All actions of the Hearing Officer on preliminary matters may be appealed to the panel pursuant to Tenn. R & Regs. 1220-01-02-.06(6), as appropriate. This standing delegation of authority shall continue until rescinded by the Commission.

Chair Robin L. Morrison, Vice Chair Kenneth C. Hill, Commissioner Herbert H. Hilliard, Commissioner David F. Jones, and Commissioner John A. Hie concur. None dissenting.

ATTEST:

Earl R. Taylor, Executive Director October 15, 2018