

**PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION  
OF WEST VIRGINIA  
CHARLESTON**

At a session of the PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION OF WEST VIRGINIA in the City of Charleston on the 17<sup>th</sup> day of March 2020.

GENERAL ORDER NO. 262

COMMISSION GENERAL ORDER REGARDING  
EXTRAORDINARY EVENTS.

**COMMISSION ORDER**

All Administrative Law Judge decision due dates in cases that are not subject to a statutory deadline are extended by two months.

**DISCUSSION**

The Commission has a large number of active cases before it. Parties to cases before this Commission are subject to various filing deadlines. Many of the cases have been referred to the Division of Administrative Law Judges (ALJs) and are subject to decision due dates. Likewise, a portion of the cases are subject to statutory deadlines as defined by the West Virginia Code.

Mindful of cautions and warnings from Federal and State health experts regarding the need for social distancing and limiting person-to-person contact, it is appropriate to extend by two months all ALJ decision due dates in cases that are not subject to a statutory deadline, subject to possible further extensions by the Commission. The ALJ Division should make appropriate extensions to party deadlines in individual cases.

For cases subject to statutory deadlines, the Commission asks that the applicants in those cases voluntarily file motions to toll the running of the statutory suspension period for two months or a longer period of time developed through consultation with other parties and the presiding ALJ. Such filings should be made in the individual docket numbers.

The extensions provided in this Order will not halt processing of cases and, to the extent possible, the Commission and its ALJs will endeavor to issue orders as soon as practically possible. Scheduled hearings will be addressed by separate procedural orders under the individual docket numbers.

On Friday, March 13, 2020, the Commission issued an email to all public utilities urging them not to terminate public utility service except for safety concerns or based on a request by the customer. That request remains in effect.

### **CONCLUSIONS OF LAW**

1. In consideration of disruptions caused by the coronavirus, it is appropriate to extend by two months ALJ decision due dates in all Commission cases that are not subject to statutory due dates.

2. The applicants in cases subject to statutory due dates may voluntarily file motions to toll the running of the statutory suspension period for two months or a longer period of time developed through consultation with other parties and the presiding ALJ.

### **ORDER**

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED that for all active cases not subject to statutory deadlines, the Administrative Law Judge decision due dates are hereby extended by two months.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that on entry of this order this case shall be removed from the Commission docket of open cases.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that the Executive Secretary of the Commission serve a copy of this Order by electronic service on all public utilities and parties in active cases before the Commission who have filed an e-service agreement, by United States First Class Mail on all public utilities and parties of record in active cases before the Commission who have not filed an e-service agreement, and on Staff by hand delivery.

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Connie Graley, Executive Secretary

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