## WEST VIRGINIA ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY BOARD CHARLESTON, WEST VIRGINIA

APPALACHIAN POWER COMPANY dba AEP,

Appellant,

v.

Appeal No. 22-02-EQB

DIVISION OF WATER AND WASTE MANAGEMENT, WEST VIRGINIA DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION,

Appellee,

## ORDER FOR CONTINUANCE AND NOTICE OF HEARING

Appeal No. 22-02-EQB was filed with the West Virginia Environmental Quality Board ("Board") on April 12, 2022. In accordance with West Virginia Code §22B-1-7(f), an evidentiary hearing concerning matters as more fully set forth in the Notice of Appeal filed in Appeal No. 22-02-EQB is scheduled for July 11-12, 2024.

At a prehearing conference on April 25, 2024, it was represented that issuance of a permit modification in Appeal No. 21-06-EQB, which is currently being processed by the WVDEP, will inform the issues set forth in the above-styled appeal. The parties recently filed a joint motion to continue and advised that:

- 1. The parties have been and are currently engatged in settlement discussions.
- Some of the issues under appeal are similar to those which were settled-in-principle in Appeal
  No. 21-06-EQB and the parties believe that there is a high likelihood of similarly resolving said
  issues in the above-captioned appeal.
- The parties believe allowing additional time for the permit modification in Appeal No. 21-06-EOB to be issued by the WVDEP is prudent.

- 4. The parties seek a continuance to all for the permit modification in Appeal No. 21-06-EQB to be issued and to account for the permit modification application process, including the required 30-day public comment period, should the parties resolve the above-captioned appeal in a similar fashion as Appeal No. 21-06-EQB.
- 5. The request is made in good faith and not for purposes of delay.

Based on the representations of the parties, the Board does hereby order that the evidentiary hearing in Appeal No. 22-02-EQB shall be continued until the October 10-11, 2024, Board meeting. Said Board meeting will begin at 8:30 a.m. The Parties may attend via Zoom by using the following link: <a href="https://us02web.zoom.us/j/89819531328">https://us02web.zoom.us/j/89819531328</a>.

A Prehearing Status Conference shall be held on September 26, 2024, at 10:00 a.m. before the Board and/or legal counsel. Said Prehearing Status Conference will be held *via Zoom only*. The Parties may attend via Zoom by using the following link: <a href="https://us02web.zoom.us/j/83779945731">https://us02web.zoom.us/j/83779945731</a>.

The stay currently in place shall be extended as set forth herein, and as agreed to by the parties. It is so **ORDERED** and **ENTERED** this 3 day of July, 2024.

**Environmental Quality Board** 

Lower Snyder, Chairman

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## **CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE**

I hereby certify that I, Kenna M. DeRaimo, Clerk for the Environmental Quality Board, have this day, the day of July, 2024, served a true copy of the foregoing Order For Continuance and Notice of Hearing and Prehearing Status Conference upon the following:

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