## WEST VIRGINIA ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY BOARD CHARLESTON, WEST VIRGINIA

APPALACHIAN POWER COMPANY dba AEP,

Appellant(s),

Appeal Nos. 25-08-EQB

v.

DIRECTOR, DIVISION OF WATER AND WASTE MANAGEMENT, DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION,

Appellee.

## ORDER FOR CONTINUANCE AND NOTICE OF HEARING AND PREHEARING STATUS CONFERENCE

Appeal No. 25-08-EQB was filed with the West Virginia Environmental Quality Board ("Board") on September 17, 2025. 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. 25-08-EQB is scheduled for October 9, 2025.

The Board, on its own motion, determined that the evidentiary hearing in Appeal No. 25-08-EQB shall be continued until the **December 11, 2025, Board meeting beginning at 8:30 a.m.** The Parties may attend and participate in the evidentiary hearing in person or via Zoom by using the following Zoom link: https://us02web.zoom.us/j/86087308606.

Additionally, pursuant to CSR §46-4-5.2 of the *Procedural Rules Governing Appeals Before the Environmental Quality Board*, a **prehearing status conference (PHSC) will be held on November 25, at 10:00 a.m.** before the Board's Chairman and/or legal counsel. The Parties may attend and participate in the PHSC by *Zoom only* by using the following Zoom link:

https://us02web.zoom.us/j/89197830808.

The proceedings will be recorded and transcribed later, if necessary. The following will be discussed at the prehearing:

(1) Presentation and consideration of preliminary legal issues;

(2) Stipulations to facts that are not contested by the parties;

(3) Stipulations to the admission of evidence to avoid unnecessary proof;

(4) Identification and reduction of number of witnesses; and

(5) Consideration of any other matters that will aid in the expeditious

conduct of the hearing.

It is further ordered that each counselor representative attending the prehearing conference is required to have a thorough knowledge of the case, be prepared to discuss it, and to make stipulations or admissions where appropriate and to argue any pending motions. Each counselor representative must have full authority from the party represented and any law firm with which associated to take such action as may be necessary to comply with this order.

It is further ordered that at the conclusion of the conference, either orally for the record or by separate writing, an order will be entered which recites any action taken and agreements reached by the parties. The order will take the place of all that has taken place before and will control the subsequent course of the hearing unless modified to prevent manifest injustice.

It is so **ORDERED** and **ENTERED** this 25<sup>th</sup> day of September, 2025.

**Environmental Quality Board** 

Lo Dr. Edward Snyder, Chairman

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## **CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE**

I, Kenna M. DeRaimo, Clerk for the Environmental Quality Board, hereby certify that on this day, the 25<sup>th</sup> day of September, 2025, a true copy of the foregoing **Order For Continuance and Notice OF HEARING AND PREHEARING STATUS CONFERENCE** has been served upon the following:

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