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**ALABAMA WATER UTILITIES, INC.,
SHELBY RIDGE UTILITY SYSTEMS LLC,**

PETITIONERS,

**OFFICE OF THE ATTORNEY GENERAL OF
ALABAMA,**

Intervenor.

**PETITION: FOR ISSUANCE OF
CERTIFICATE OF PUBLIC
CONVENIENCE AND NECESSITY AND
APPROVAL OF INITIAL TARIFFS**

DOCKET 33525

PROCEDURAL RULING

Alabama Water Utilities, Inc. and Shelby Ridge Utility Systems LLC (together “Petitioners”) seek the issuance of certificates and the approval of their existing tariffs. A hearing is scheduled for March 10, 2026. A virtual status conference is scheduled for February 25, 2026, at 10 AM to discuss the following matters:

Promoting a Clear Record. As previously stated, I intend to make recommendations to the Commission regarding: 1) the issuance of certificates; 2) the rate bases; and 3) the interim rates and charges. To promote the creation of a clear record while addressing all these matters for both companies, the parties should be prepared to discuss an organizational plan for presenting evidence at the hearing.

Filing of Testimony. The Rules of Practice require that the parties file any pre-filed testimony at least 10 calendar days prior to the hearing, unless directed otherwise by the presiding administrative law judge. The parties should be prepared to discuss whether this deadline should be adjusted.

Expectation regarding Proposed Rate Bases. I expect Petitioners to propose a rate base for each company, supported by sufficient evidence. If the proposed method for determining a rate base differs from the traditional method (original cost minus accumulated depreciation), the Petitioners must explain and support their use of an alternative method. The parties should be prepared to address any concerns with this expectation.

Issues related to Data Requests. Parties and Staff may address any issues regarding data requests.

IT IS SO RULED.

DONE at Montgomery, Alabama, this 24th day of February, 2026.


Luke Bentley
Administrative Law Judge

c: All parties of record