

A RESOLUTION RESERVING A PERIOD FOR PUBLIC COMMENT DURING PUBLIC MEETINGS

WHEREAS, Jellico Utilities Authority is an energy authority constituted pursuant to Tennessee Code Title 7, Chapter 36; and

WHEREAS, Pursuant to Tennessee Code Ann. § 8-44-112 [2023], the Jellico Utilities Authority (JUA) will reserve a period for public comment, at each public meeting, to provide the public with the opportunity to comment on matters that are germane to the items on the agenda for the meeting; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY JELICO UTILITIES AUTHORITY BOARD, the following:

- I. JUA shall take all practicable steps to reserve a period for public comment at its public meetings to ensure that opposing viewpoints are represented fairly if those with opposing viewpoints desire to comment.
- II. The "Public Comment Period" shall be conducted under the following guidelines:
 - A. The Public Comment Period shall be limited to a total of fifteen (15) minutes in length.
 - B. The number of individuals who may speak on an agenda item shall be limited to three (3) individuals for a position, and three (3) individuals with an opposing position.
 - C. The length of time each individual may speak is the greater of two and one half (2.5) minutes, or their pro-rata share of the total time divided by number of individuals signed in to speak.
 - D. These guidelines shall be enforced fairly within the sole discretion of the Chairperson.
- III. Each individual requesting to speak shall sign up in advance of the meeting in order to be recognized by the Chairperson, in the manner prescribed by the President & CEO.
- IV. The "Public Notice" for a meeting shall include the following:

Individuals who wish to make a public comment shall sign in before the meeting and indicate their position on the agenda item in order to be recognized by the Chairperson.
- V. This resolution shall not apply to a meeting for conducting a disciplinary hearing or meetings where there are no actionable items on the agenda.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED: that the President & CEO be, and hereby is, authorized to take any and all actions and execute and deliver such documents as he may deem necessary, appropriate or convenient to effectuate the foregoing resolution including, without limitation, causing to be prepared and filed such reports, documents, or other information as may be required under applicable law.

APPROVED in open meeting on the 29th day of August 2023.

Attest:

Michelle Kellogg
Recording Secretary

JELICO UTILITIES AUTHORITY

Sandy Cherry
Chairperson