

**ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER  
SUPREME COURT OF APPEALS OF WEST VIRGINIA**

THE EARLY CONSTRUCTION CO.,  
Plaintiff

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vs.

Putnam Civil Action No. 22-C-88  
Supreme Court Docket No. 23-227

AMERICAN ELECTRIC POWER SERVICE CORPORATION,  
AEP WEST VIRGINIA TRANSMISSION COMPANY, INC.,  
AEP TRANSMISSION COMPANY, LLC,  
AMERICAN ELECTRIC POWER COMPANY, INC.,  
JOEL SIGLER, and  
JOHN AND JANE DOES 1-10,  
Defendants

**ORDER GRANTING REFERRAL**

On April 24, 2023, the Honorable Phillip M. Stowers, filed a judicial motion to refer this case to the Business Court Division in accordance with Rule 29 of the West Virginia Trial Court Rules ("TCR").


Upon careful review and consideration of the motion, the Chief Justice has determined that the principal claims in the action involve matters of significance to the transactions, operations, or governance between business entities as required by TCR 29.04(a)(1), and that specialized treatment is likely to improve the expectation of a fair and reasonable resolution of the controversy as required by TCR 29.04(a)(2). The fact that the action involves individuals does not, of itself, exclude the case from eligibility.

It is ORDERED that the motion to refer this action to the Business Court Division is GRANTED.

The Clerk of Court shall provide a copy of this order to the Honorable Michael D. Lorensen, Chair of the Business Court Division, for assignment of a presiding judge and such other actions as are necessary to effectuate the provisions of TCR 29; to the Central Office of the Business Court Division, to the Honorable Phillip M. Stowers, Judge of the Circuit Court of Putnam County, and to the Clerk of the Circuit Court of Putnam County.

ENTERED: APRIL 27, 2023



  
ELIZABETH D. WALKER  
Chief Justice