

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

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SOUTHERN JACKSON COUNTY  
PUBLIC SERVICE DISTRICT,  
Plaintiff

vs.

Jackson Civil Action No. CC-18-2022-C-91  
Supreme Court Docket No. 23-226

MASTER METER, INC.,  
FERGUSON ENTERPRISES,  
C.J. HUGHES CONSTRUCTION COMPANY, INC., and  
TRI-STATE PIPELINE, INC.,  
Respondents

**ORDER GRANTING REFERRAL**

On April 21, 2023, the defendants, Master Meter, Inc., Ferguson Enterprises, and C.J. Hughes Construction Company, by counsel David K. Hendrickson, Hendrickson & Long, PLLC, William R. Slicer, Shuman McCuskey Slicer PLLC, and Daniel J. Konrad and Matthew L. Ward, Dinsmore & Shohl, LLP, filed a motion to refer this case to the Business Court Division in accordance with Rule 29 of the West Virginia Trial Court Rules ("TCR"). On May 11, 2023, the plaintiff, Southern Jackson County Public Service District, by counsel Marvin W. Masters and April D. Ferrebee, The Masters Law Firm lc, filed a response to the motion.

Upon careful review and consideration of the motion and the response, 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).

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 Lora Dyer, Judge of the Circuit Court of Jackson County, and to the Clerk of the Circuit Court of Jackson County.

ENTERED: MAY 19, 2023



A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Elizabeth D. Walker", written over a horizontal line.

ELIZABETH D. WALKER  
Chief Justice