

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

Mountaineer Gas Company,
Plaintiff

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v.) No. 25-197 (Kanawha County No. CC-20-2025-C-143)

West Virginia-American Water Company,
Defendant

ORDER GRANTING REFERRAL


On March 24, 2025, the plaintiff Mountaineer Gas Company, by counsel R. Booth Goodwin II, Benjamin B. Ware, and Richard D. Owen, Goodwin & Goodwin, LLP, filed a motion to refer the above-referenced matter to the Business Court Division under Rule 29 of the West Virginia Trial Court Rules (TCR), for the reasons stated. On April 14, 2025, the defendant West Virginia-American Water Company, by counsel Marc E. Williams, Robert L. Massie, and Alexander C. Frampton, Nelson Mullins Riley & Scarborough LLP, filed a response stating that it has no objection to the referral.

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 Richard D. Lindsay, Judge of the Circuit Court of Kanawha County; to the Clerk of the Circuit Court of Kanawha County; and to all parties of record.

ENTERED: 6-4-25



William R. Wooton
Chief Justice
Supreme Court of Appeals of West Virginia