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COMMISSION STAFF'S PETITION TO DETERMINE REQUIREMENTS FOR SMART METER TEXAS BEFORE THE STATE OFFICE OF ADMINISTRATIVE HEARINGS

## SOAH ORDER NO. 3 STATING POST-HEARING FILING DEADLINES AND REQUIREMENTS AND THE RECORD CLOSE DATE

The hearing on the merits was held on December 4-5, 2017. The Administrative Law Judge (ALJ) adopted agreements by the parties at the hearing regarding post-hearing filing deadlines and page limits. The agreements are described in this order.

The following filing deadlines apply:

Filing	Deadline
Initial Briefs	January 5, 2018
Redlined Decision Point Lists and Proposed Findings of Fact, Conclusions of Law, and Ordering Paragraphs, if any	January 9, 2018
Reply Briefs, including any reply to the filings described above	January 19, 2018

## The record closes January 19, 2018.

Any initial or reply brief that exceeds five pages of text **SHALL** include appropriate headings and a table of contents with page numbers. Each initial brief and each reply brief **SHALL** not exceed 50 pages of text. The page limit does not apply to items such as a table of contents or a list of abbreviations and acronyms.

Reply briefs **SHALL** be limited to responding to other parties' January 5 or 9, 2018 filings described above, and **SHALL** specify the part of a party's filing to which each part of the reply brief is responding. All factual assertions in briefs **SHALL** be supported by evidence admitted at the hearing for which a specific citation is provided in a footnote.

The ALJ may ignore any assertion, argument, or proposal in a brief that: (1) lacks specific, accurate citations to the evidence or law; or (2) is in a party's reply brief but should have been in its initial brief. The ALJ may consider as having been waived any such matter that is omitted from the proponent's post-hearing filings.

No later than January 5, 2018, the parties SHALL email a Word version of their prefiled testimony (which may exclude non-native attachments) that was admitted in evidence to the ALJ's administrative assistant, Erin Hurley, at <u>Erin.Hurley@soah.texas.gov</u>. The parties SHALL also email to Ms. Hurley a Word version of their January 5, 9, and 19 filings described in this order promptly after each of those filings is made. The email to Ms. Hurley SHALL include the SOAH docket number. The electronic name of each Word document attached to the email SHALL indicate what the document is, *e.g.*, [party name] Initial Brief or [witness name] Direct Testimony.

The parties indicated they are continuing settlement negotiations. The ALJ requests that when they reach a settlement or know whether they are likely to do so, they promptly notify the ALJ by written filing.

SIGNED December 8, 2017.

ELIZABETH DREWS ADMINISTRATIVE LAW JUDGE STATE OFFICE OF ADMINISTRATIVE HEARINGS