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APPLICATION OF BRAZOS ELECTRIC
POWER COOPERATIVE, INC. TO
CHANGE RATES FOR WHOLESALE
TRANSMISSION SERVICE

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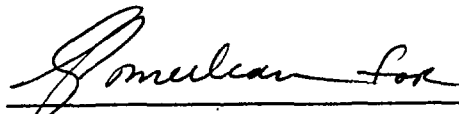
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ORDER NO. 5
GRANTING MOTION FOR ABATEMENT

On September 24, 2002, Brazos Electric Power Cooperative, Inc. (Brazos Electric) filed a report that the parties have reached an agreement on all issues and are in the process of reducing such into writing. Accordingly, Brazos Electric requests that the undersigned Administrative Law Judge (ALJ) abate the procedural schedule, in particular, the requirement that it file rebuttal testimony. It also suggests the hearing on the merits set on September 30, 2002, be held to obtain a status report from the parties, allowing the ALJ to set future deadlines in the unlikely event a settlement is not unanimous. Brazos Electric states it has contacted all parties and reports there is no opposition to its motion.

The ALJ grants Brazos Electric's request for an abatement of the procedural schedule. The hearing set for September 30, 2002, will not be an evidentiary hearing, rather it will be held for the limited purpose of obtaining a status report on the settlement process and setting new deadlines or procedures that will lead to a fair and efficient handling of this proceeding.

ISSUED this 24th of September, 2002.



DEBORAH L. INGRAHAM
ADMINISTRATIVE LAW JUDGE
STATE OFFICE OF ADMINISTRATIVE HEARINGS