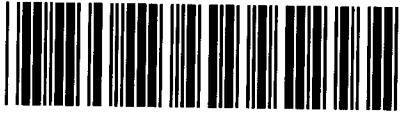


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BEFORE THE STATE OFFICE OF PUBLIC UTILITY COMMISSION
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OF
ADMINISTRATIVE HEARINGS

**DOUGLAS UTILITY COMPANY'S MOTION TO POSTPONE
PREHEARING CONFERENCE**

Comes now Douglas Utility Company (DUC) and files this its Motion to Postpone Prehearing Conference.

In response to Order No. 17, the parties filed proposed dates and times for a prehearing conference to address the dispute regarding the time period for DUC to refund over-collections or apply surcharges. On January 7, SOAH Order No. 18 set the prehearing conference for January 14, 2016 at 1:30 p.m.

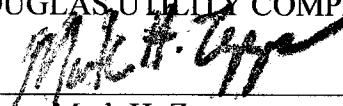
Since the entry of Order No. 18, the management of DUC has informed its undersigned counsel that it is necessary to continue the preliminary hearing for one week. DUC needs this continuance to ensure the availability of the DUC's principals at the preliminary hearing and to allow continuing negotiations on collateral matters with Equality Community Housing Corporation (ECH). DUC has discussed this continuance with all of the parties and has the agreement of the PUC staff and the Fountain View Homeowners Association to reschedule the preliminary hearing for 8 a.m. (or shortly thereafter) on Friday, January 22, 2016. Mr. Phil Haag, Attorney for ECH, has informed DUC that his client will not agree to rescheduling the preliminary hearing.

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For these reasons, DUC requests the Administrative Law Judge to cancel the preliminary hearing now scheduled for 1:30 p.m., January 14, and to reschedule the same for 8 a.m. Friday, January 22.

Respectfully submitted,

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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I certify that on January 13, 2016, a copy of this documents will be served on all parties of record in accordance with P.U.C. Procedural Rule 22.74.



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