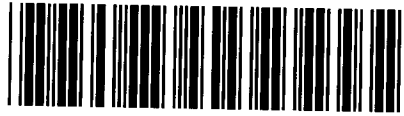


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COMMISSION STAFF'S EXCEPTIONS TO THE PROPOSAL FOR DECISION

COMES NOW the Staff (Staff) of the Public Utility Commission of Texas (Commission), representing the public interest, and files these Exceptions to the Proposal for Decision. In support thereof, Staff would show the following:

I. INTRODUCTION

On March 29, 2016, the State Office of Administrative Hearings (SOAH) Administrative Law Judge (ALJ), Stephanie Frazee, issued a Proposal for Decision (PFD) in the above-referenced docket. On March 30, 2016, Commission Advising and Docket Management (CADM) filed a letter notifying parties that exceptions to the PFD are due April 13, 2016. Therefore, this pleading is timely filed.

II. STAFF'S EXCEPTIONS TO THE PFD

The resolution of this docket is the result of all parties reaching a partial settlement agreement. The only remaining issue is the time period for Douglas Utility Company to pay refunds and collect surcharges. Staff agrees with the PFD. Therefore, Staff does not request the Commission make any exceptions to the PFD; however, Staff reserves the right to file Responses to Exceptions filed by other parties in this proceeding.

III. CONCLUSION

Staff respectfully requests that the Commission adopt the PFD as filed.

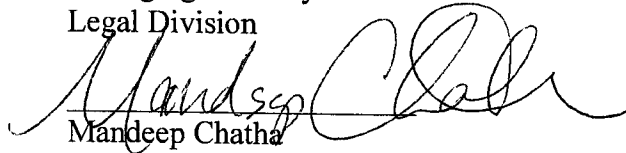
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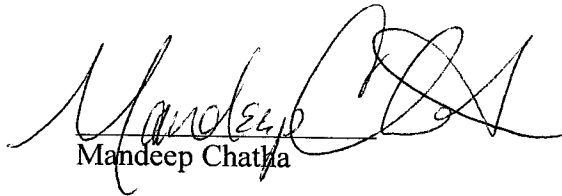


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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I certify that a copy of this document will be served on all parties of record on April 13, 2016, in accordance with 16 TAC § 22.74.



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