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### SOAH DOCKET NO. 582-14-1052 TCEQ DOCKET NO. 2013-1735-UCR

APPLICATION OF DOUGLAS UTILITY COMPANY, TO CHANGE ITS WATER AND SEWER RATES BEFORE THE STATE OF

PUBLIC

ADMINISTRATIVE HEARINGS

OF

## **REQUEST FOR REFERRAL TO SOAH MEDIATION**

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## TO THE HONORABLE ADMINISTRATIVE LAW JUDGE WILCOV:

Comes now the Executive Director (ED) of the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality (TCEQ) though his attorney of record and files this Request for Referral to SOAH Mediation. All parties to this case have stated that they are amenable to mediation, and the ED has a good faith belief that all or a portion of this dispute can be resolved through mediation.

The ED requests that the referral be expedited because the protesting parties' pre-filed testimony is due on June 19, 2014. A mediation before that date could save rate case expenses and avoid the necessity of scheduling depositions. The ED has sent a request to the parties to see what dates they may be available and will forward those dates to the court upon receipt, but this request is filed now because of the short time line involved.

WHEREFORE, PREMISES CONSIDERED, the Executive Director of the TCEQ requests that the above-styled case be referred to mediation and that the mediation setting be expedited if possible.



Respectfully submitted,

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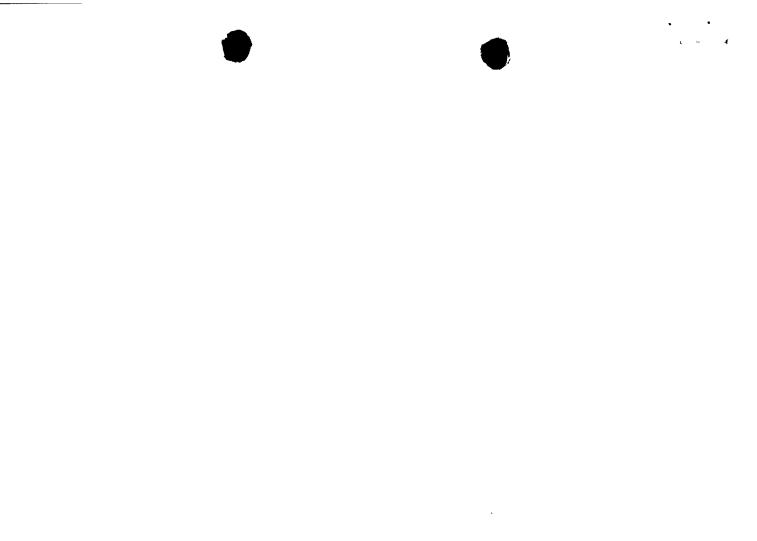
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### **CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE**

I certify that on June 3, 2014, a copy of the foregoing document was filed with the Office of the Chief Clerk, Texas Commission on Environmental Quality, Austin, Texas and sent by first class, agency mail, electronic mail, and/or facsimile to the persons on the attached Mailing List.

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