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APPLICATION OF DOUGLAS UTILITY § BEFORE THE STATE OFFICE
COMPANY TO CHANGE WATER AND §
SEWER RATE/TARIFF IN § OF
HARRIS COUNTY, TEXAS § ADMINISTRATIVE HEARINGS

**ORDER NO. 5
NOTICE TO PARTIES**

Effective September 1, 2014, this contested case before the State Office of Administrative Hearings (SOAH) was transferred from the subject matter jurisdiction of the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality (TCEQ) to the Public Utility Commission of Texas (Commission or PUC).¹ On July 10, 2014, the PUC approved substantive rules regulating water and sewer utilities. These can be found in 16 Texas Administrative Code, chapter 24. Procedural rules applicable to all PUC cases are found at 16 Texas Administrative Code chapter 22. The rules are on the PUC website, www.puc.texas.gov.

With the transfer of jurisdiction, the docket numbers of this case must also change. Accordingly, as of September 1, 2014:

SOAH Docket No. 582-14-1052 shall now be SOAH Docket No. 473-14-5140

TCEQ Docket No. 2013-1735-UCR shall now be PUC Docket No. 42860

Effective immediately, all filings in this matter shall reflect **only the new numbers** and designation.

All documents and pleadings filed in this case must meet the PUC's filing requirements found at P.U.C. Proc. R. 22.71 (16 Texas Administrative Code § 22.71).² Note: the PUC's filing procedures and requirements are significantly different from the TCEQ's. For example, documents are filed with

¹ See House Bill 1600 and Senate Bill 567, 83rd Legislature.

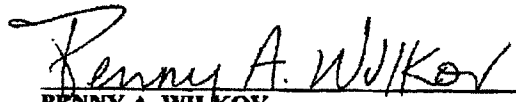
² The PUC's process of organizing the filings in this case is ongoing. During this process, if it is determined that the case file is incomplete, a party may be requested to resubmit a document for which that party is responsible to ensure a complete case file.

the PUC Central Records filing clerk not SOAH and there is a 3:00 p.m. filing deadline.³ Effective immediately, parties are instructed to comply with the requirements found at P.U.C. Proc. R. 22.71.

On August 20, 2014, the Administrative Law Judge (ALJ) issued Order No. 3, withdrawing the above-reference case from mediation and requiring that the parties provide a status report by **September 19, 2014**, with three agreed dates for a prehearing conference. At the prehearing conference, the ALJ will discuss: (1) whether 30 Texas Administrative Code Chapter 80 procedural rules or the PUC's procedural rules should apply; (2) the establishment of a procedural schedule; (3) PUC and SOAH filing requirements; and (4) any other matters that may arise as a result of the transfer and will provide for fair and efficient processing of this case.

IT IS, THEREFORE, ORDERED that the case is **ABATED** until a revised procedural schedule is entered in this case.

SIGNED September 3, 2014.



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ADMINISTRATIVE LAW JUDGE
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³ Central Records office hours are found at P.U.C. Proc. R. 22.71(g).

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