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Judge Penny Wilkov  
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Re: SOAH Docket No. 473-14-5140; PUC Docket 42860 - Application of Douglas Utility Company to Change Water and Sewer Rates in Harris County – Status Report

Dear Judge Wilkov:

The parties have been unable to reach a settlement since the failed mediation attempt. The consensus appears to be that, if retained by the PUC Commissioners, this case should proceed to hearing. Garrett Arthur, Assistant TCEQ Public Interest Counsel, informed me that his office would no longer be participating due to the jurisdictional shift to the PUC. Jim Rourke with the Office of Public Utility Counsel was copied on scheduling emails but did not respond.

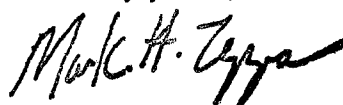
Equality has not agreed to further mediation as has been proposed by Douglas.

Per your most recent order, the parties suggest the following dates for a second prehearing conference:

October 6, October 15, October 20.

Douglas Utility requests that the prehearing be held at the SOAH office in Houston. The other parties prefer Austin.

Sincerely yours,



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