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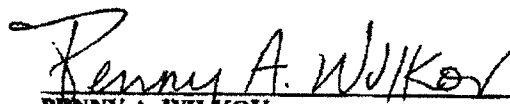
APPLICATION OF DOUGLAS § BEFORE THE STATE OFFICE
UTILITY COMPANY TO CHANGE §
WATER AND SEWER RATE/TARIFF § OF
IN HARRIS COUNTY, TEXAS §
§ ADMINISTRATIVE HEARINGS

**SOAH ORDER NO. 8
NOTICE OF TELEPHONIC PREHEARING CONFERENCE**

On October 29, 2014, the Public Utility Commission (Commission) issued an "Order on Appeal of SOAH Order No. 3," denying the appeal filed by Equality Community Housing Corporation (Equality) and concluding that a limited evidentiary hearing is necessary to determine whether or not the settlement rates in this proceeding violate section 13.183(a) of the Texas Water Code. On November 10, 2014, the Administrative Law Judge (ALJ) issued Order No. 7, requesting that the parties confer on an available date for a telephonic prehearing conference. On November 24, 2014, Douglas Utility Company, Equality, and PUC Staff filed a Response to Order No. 7, indicating that the parties have conferred on the dates for a prehearing conference.

Accordingly, the ALJ **will conduct a prehearing conference by telephone conference call on Tuesday, January 13, 2015, at 10:00 a.m.** The purpose of the conference is to discuss the following issues: (1) the procedural rules that should apply; (2) a procedural schedule, including an estimate of time needed and dates available for a hearing; (3) the benefit of, or request for, further SOAH-assisted mediation; (4) the availability or necessity of audio/visual or computer equipment; and (5) any other matter that will provide for fair and efficient processing of this case.

SIGNED December 1, 2014.



**PENNY A. WILKOV
ADMINISTRATIVE LAW JUDGE
STATE OFFICE OF ADMINISTRATIVE HEARINGS**

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