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APPLICATION OF DOUGLAS UTILITY COMPANY TO CHANGE WATER AND SEWER RATE/TARIFF IN HARRIS COUNTY, TEXAS

BEFORE THE STATE OFFICEY COMMISSION FILING CLERK

OF

ADMINISTRATIVE HEARINGS

SOAH ORDER NO. 10 GRANTING CONTINUANCE AND ADJUSTING PROCEDURAL SCHEDULE

On January 20, 2015, Administrative Law Judges (ALJs) Penny A. Wilkov and William G. Newchurch issued Order No. 9, memorializing the prehearing conference and providing notice of the parties agreed schedule. At the prehearing conference held on January 13, 2015, the following parties participated: Douglas Utility Company (Applicant), appearing through attorney Mark H. Zeppa; Staff (Staff) of the Public Utility Commission of Texas (PUC or Commission), appearing through attorney Hollis Henley; Equality Community Housing Corporation (Equality), appearing through attorney Philip S. Haag; and Fountainview Homeowners Association (Fountainview), appearing through representative Karl E. Wolf.

On February 23, 2015, however, Applicant filed a Motion to Change Hearing and Discovery Schedule stating that Mr. Zeppa had become seriously ill shortly after the prehearing conference and was only recently able to return to his cases. Applicant requested a thirty-day postponement of the case and schedule. As of the date of this Order, no party has filed an objection or response. The ALJs have conferred and found that both ALJs have previously-scheduled hearings or pressing writing assignments in late July, which would be 30 days from the presently scheduled hearing of June 23-25, 2015. ALJ Wilkov is available for the hearing on August 4-7, 2015,¹ but ALJ Newchurch is not available. Therefore, ALJ Wilkov will proceed.

Because the hearing date has been adjusted, the ALJ also adjusts the prehearing schedule (by 42 days) as follows:

¹ The ALJ will schedule the hearing on August 4-7, 2015, but will rely on the parties, in the event of a conflict, to provide three mutually-agreed dates during three different weeks to reschedule the hearing.

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August 4-7, 2015

DATE	ACTIVITY
April 6, 2015	Applicant's supplemental direct evidence due. (The Applicant prefiled direct evidence on May 22, 2014, which will become part of the record).
May 13, 2015	Equality's direct evidence due.
May 13, 2015	Fountainview's statement of position and/or direct evidence due.
June 29, 2015	PUC Staff's direct evidence due.
July 13, 2015	Applicant's rebuttal evidence due.
July 20, 2015	Objections to direct/rebuttal evidence.
July 27, 2015	Replies to objections to direct/rebuttal evidence.
July 31, 2015	Prehearing Conference, if requested by proper motion or order of ALJs.

Notice of Final Prehearing and Hearing on the Merits

Hearing on the Merits.

Notice is hereby given that a prehearing telephone conference will be held in this case at **10:00 a.m. on July 31, 2015, if necessary and upon proper motion**, to address any pending motions or objections to prefiled evidence. If there are no pending prehearing motions or objections, the prehearing telephone conference is cancelled.

Notice is hereby given that the hearing on the merits will be held in this case as follows:

9:00 a.m. August 4-7, 2015 State Office of Administrative Hearings 300 W. 15th Street, 4th Floor Austin, Texas 78701

SIGNED March 10, 2015.

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