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

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BEFORE THE STATE OFFICE  
OF  
ADMINISTRATIVE HEARINGS

**RESPONSE TO ORDER NO. 12  
REQUIRING PREHEARING CONFERENCE DATES**

Douglas Utilities files this Response to Order No. 12 Requiring Prehearing Conference Dates. As previously indicated in Douglas' Motion for Abatement dated June 19, 2015, Mr. Zeppa has been in St. David's Hospital rehabilitation facility undergoing treatment for a neurological disorder. Order No. 12 requires the parties to confer and provide three dates for prehearing conference. On July 13, Mr. Haag, representing Equality Community Housing Corporation, called to confer regarding proposed dates. Mr. Haag and the other parties have proposed three dates: July 23, July 31 or August 6, 2015.

Mr. Zeppa continues to improve, and while no longer hospitalized, he is receiving in-home care and therapy. He is unable to walk without assistance, to read or to function well enough to confer with his client, to prepare for a prehearing conference or to attend such a conference at this time. The current timeline for his rehabilitation is in-home care for two weeks, and then out patient rehabilitation for at least the following two weeks. Holding the prehearing conference prior to that time would be disadvantageous to Douglas' representation as there would be no time to engage another attorney to assist or to sufficiently provide the background to this case. Also, the ownership of Douglas Utilities has changed recently, and Mr. Zeppa and the new owners have not had the opportunity to confer regarding this docket.

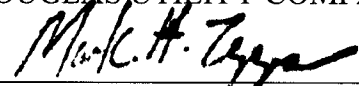
For the above reasons, Douglas Utilities requests that the docket be continued until Mr. Zeppa is realistically able to provide appropriate representation for his client. He requests that no prehearing be held prior to September 1.

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**Dated:** July 17, 2015

Respectfully submitted,

DOUGLAS UTILITY COMPANY



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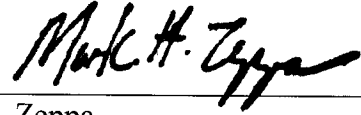
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**CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE**

I certify that on July 17, 2015, a copy of this documents will be served on all parties of record in accordance with P.U.C. Procedural Rule 22.74.



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