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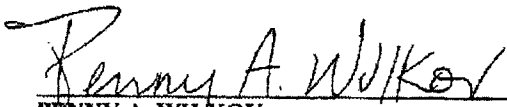
APPLICATION OF DOUGLAS § BEFORE THE STATE OFFICE
UTILITY COMPANY TO CHANGE §
WATER AND SEWER RATE/TARIFF § OF
IN HARRIS COUNTY, TEXAS §
§ ADMINISTRATIVE HEARINGS

SOAH ORDER NO. 13
ORDER SETTING TELEPHONIC PREHEARING CONFERENCE

On July 6, 2015, the Administrative Law Judge (ALJ) issued SOAH Order No. 12, Requiring Prehearing Conference Dates in regards to the following parties: Douglas Utility Company (Applicant), appearing through attorney Mark H. Zeppa; Staff of the Public Utility Commission of Texas (PUC), appearing through attorney Mandeep Chatha; Equality Community Housing Corporation, appearing through attorney Philip S. Haag; and Fountainview Homeowners Association, appearing through representative Karl E. Wolff. On July 20, 2015, Mr. Zeppa filed a response indicating that, due to a recent neurological condition, he is unable to walk, read, confer with his client, prepare for a prehearing conference, or attend a prehearing conference until September 1, 2015. On July 22, 2015, PUC Staff filed a status update indicating that, although considerate of Mr. Zeppa's condition, the ratepayers are paying "unreasonable" proposed rates that it may not be able to recuperate because of the utility's financial condition. Staff requests the imposition of interim rates and a final hearing in late September 2015. On July 27, 2015, Applicant filed a response opposing Staff's request for interim rates.

Based on the parties' filings, and the ALJ's schedule, the ALJ will conduct a prehearing conference by telephone conference call on Tuesday, September 1, 2015, at 10:00 a.m. to discuss the imposition of interim rates, any pending motion or discovery matters, dates for a final hearing, and any other matter that may assist in a fair and efficient disposition of the case.

SIGNED July 27, 2015.


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

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