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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

SOAH ORDER NO. 15  
AMENDING PROCEDURAL SCHEDULE

On September 2, 2015, the Administrative Law Judge (ALJ) issued Order No. 14, which set a procedural schedule for determining refunds and surcharges. In accordance with that order, Douglas Utility Company (DUC) filed a reconciliation of over- and under-billings on September 30, 2014. On October 14, 2015, Staff filed its response to Order No. 14. In its response, Staff identified several unresolved issues as well as additional information needed from DUC. Staff requested that the ALJ adopt a new proposed procedural schedule for the case that includes additional deadlines for submittal of information. Staff also requested that the ALJ formally order DUC to cease billing its customers proposed rates.

On October 21, 2015, DUC filed a response to Staff's recommendation. DUC requested that the technical representatives of the parties meet in a telephone conference without attorneys present to discuss the information needed and the means of providing it. The same day, Equality Community Housing Corporation (Equality) filed a Motion for Support of Revised Procedural Schedule and Request for Documentation to Clarify Reconciliation and Refund in support of Staff's requests. On October 26, 2015, Staff filed a response to DUC's October 21, 2015 filing. Staff requested that the ALJ impose a deadline of November 5, 2015, for the parties to confer and schedule a technical conference, with attorneys attending. On October 28, 2015, Equality filed a response to DUC's October 21, 2015 filing, stating that Equality supported Staff's recommendation regarding a technical conference.

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