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House Bill (HB) 1600 and Senate Bill (SB) 567 83<sup>rd</sup> Legislature, Regular Session, transferred the functions relating to the economic regulation of water and sewer utilities from the TCEQ to the PUC effective September 1, 2014.



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Ms. Bridget C. Bohac, Chief Clerk Texas Commission on Environmental Quality 12100 Park 35 Circle Bldg. F – 1<sup>st</sup> Floor Austin, Texas 78711-3087

VIA ELECTRONIC FILING

Re:

West Travis County Public Utility Agency's Responses to Requests for Disclosure; TCEQ Docket No. 2014-0439-UCR; SOAH Docket No. 582-14-3382

Dear Ms. Bohac:

Please find enclosed for filing the West Travis County Public Utility Agency's Responses to Requests for Disclosure in the above-referenced matter.

If you have any questions, please contact me at the above listed number.

Sincerely,

Georgia N. Crump

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cc: Service List

# **SOAH DOCKET NO. 582-14-3382 TCEQ DOCKET NO. 2014-0439-UCR**

PETITION OF TRAVIS COUNTY	§	
MUNICIPAL UTILITY DISTRICT	§	
NO. 12 APPEALING CHANGE OF	§	DEPODE THE CT   TE OFFICE
WHOLESALE WATER RATES	§	BEFORE THE STATE OFFICE
IMPLEMENTED BY WEST	§	
TRAVIS COUNTY PUBLIC	§	
UTILITY AGENCY, AND THE	§	OF
CITY OF BEE CAVE, TEXAS,	§	
HAYS COUNTY, TEXAS AND	§	ADMINISTRATIVE HEARINGS
WEST TRAVIS COUNTY	§	
MUNICIPAL UTILITY DISTRICT	§	
NO. 5	§	

## WEST TRAVIS COUNTY PUBLIC UTILITY AGENCY'S RESPONSES TO REQUESTS FOR DISCLOSURE

Pursuant to Administrative Law Judge's Order No. 1, 30 Texas Administrative Code, Chapter 80, Subchapter D, and Rule 194 of the Texas Rules of Civil Procedure, West Travis County Public Utility Agency hereby serves its responses to Requests for Disclosure.

Respectfully submitted,

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#### **CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE**

I hereby certify that on this 15<sup>th</sup> day of August, 2014, a true and correct copy of the foregoing document was transmitted by the method shown, in accordance with SOAH Order No. 1, to the parties listed below:

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#### RESPONSES TO REQUESTS FOR DISCLOSURE

1. Rule 194.2(a) the correct names of the parties to the lawsuit.

RESPONSE:

West Travis County Public Utility Agency's correct name is West Travis County Public Utility Agency ("PUA"). To the best of its current knowledge, the WTCPUA believes all other parties were correctly named in Order No. 1.

2. Rule 194.2 (b) the name, address, and telephone number of any potential parties.

RESPONSE: The PUA is not aware of any potential parties.

3. Rule 194.2 (c) the legal theories and, in general, the factual bases of the responding party's claims or defenses (the responding party need not marshal all evidence that may be offered at trial).

**RESPONSE:** 

The PUA contends that it does not sell a raw water supply to Petitioner, Travis County Municipal Utility District 12 ("MUD12"). Rather, the PUA treats MUD12's raw water supply (a water supply that MUD12 secures from the Lower Colorado River Authority under a "Firm Water Contract"), and charges MUD12 for such water treatment services on a wholesale basis, under a certain "Wholesale Water Services Agreement," between MUD12 and the Lower Colorado River Authority ("LCRA"), which has been subsequently assigned by LCRA to the PUA through a certain "Agreement Regarding Transfer of Operations of the West Travis County Water System from the Lower Colorado River Authority, to the West Travis County Public Utility Agency."

The PUA further contends that MUD12 will be unable to meet its burden of proof that the PUA's wholesale water treatment rate (the "Protested Rate") adversely impacts the public interest or violates any of the public interest criteria under Title 30 Texas Administrative Code § 291.133(a).

Specifically, the PUA's financial and operational ability to continue providing water treatment service is not impaired by implementing the Protested Rate charged to MUD12, which is lower than the prior rate. Also, given that the PUA's Protested Rate is lower than the rate previously charged to MUD12, MUD12 will be unable to demonstrate that the Protested Rate impairs MUD12's ability to continue providing water service to its retail customers. The PUA further contends that MUD12 will be unable to demonstrate that the PUA has a monopoly power over MUD12, or alternatively, that if the PUA is shown to have a monopoly power, then MUD12 will be unable to demonstrate that the PUA abused such power in providing wholesale water treatment

services to MUD12, under the application of the relevant factors set forth in 30 Tex. Admin. Code § 291.133(a)(3).

In addition, the PUA contends that MUD12 cannot demonstrate that the Protested Rate is unreasonably preferential, prejudicial, or discriminatory, compared to the wholesale rates the PUA charges its other wholesale customers that receive wholesale water treatment services.

4. Rule 194.2(d) the amount and any method of calculating economic damages.

RESPONSE: Not applicable.

5. Rule 194.2(e) the name, address, and telephone number of persons having knowledge of relevant facts, and a brief statement of each identified person's connection with the case.

#### RESPONSE:

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Mr. Kimball is the Financial Advisor for the WTCPUA. Mr. Kimball assists the PUA with its bond issues and has knowledge of facts relating to the PUA's prior bond issues.

Dr. Larry Fox, Ph.D., President of the PUA Michael Murphy, Vice President of the PUA Honorable Ray Whisenant, Jr., Secretary of the PUA Bill Goodwin, Director of the PUA

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- 6. Rule 194.2(f) for any testifying expert:
  - (1) the expert's name, address, and telephone number;
  - (2) the subject matter on which the expert will testify;
  - (3) the general substance of the expert's mental impressions and opinions and a brief summary of the basis for them, or if the expert is not retained by, employed by, or otherwise subject to the control of the responding party, documents reflecting such information;
  - (4) if the expert is retained by, employed by, or otherwise subject to the control of the responding party:
    - (A) all documents, tangible things, reports, models, or data compilations that have been provided to, reviewed by, or prepared by or for the expert in anticipation of the expert's testimony; and

(B) the expert's current resume and bibliography.

RESPONSE: The PUA has not identified any testifying or non-retained testifying expert witnesses at this time.

7. Rule 194.2(g) any indemnity and insuring agreements described in Rule 192.3(f).

RESPONSE: Not applicable.

8. Rule 194.2(h) any settlement agreements described in Rule 192.3(g).

RESPONSE: Not applicable.

9. Rule 194.2.(i) any witness statements described in Rule 192.3(h).

RESPONSE: None.