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PUBLIC UTILITY COMMISSION

PETITION OF TRAVIS COUNTY MUNICIPAL UTILITY DISTRICT NO. 12 APPEALING CHANGE OF WHOLESALE WATER RATES IMPLEMENTED BY WEST TRAVIS COUNTY PUBLIC UTILITY AGENCY; CITY OF BEE CAVE, TEXAS; HAYS COUNTY, TEXAS; AND WEST TRAVIS COUNTY MUNICIPAL UTILITY DISTRICT NO. 5

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## **BEFORE THE STATE OFFICE**

OF

**ADMINISTRATIVE HEARINGS** 

## ORDER NO. 3 REGARDING TRANSFER OF JURISDICTION, CHANGE OF DOCKET NUMBERS, AND PREHEARING CONFERENCE

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Effective September 1, 2014, this contested case before the State Office of Administrative Hearings (SOAH) was transferred from the subject matter jurisdiction of the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality (TCEQ) to the Public Utility Commission of Texas (Commission or PUC).<sup>1</sup> On July 10, 2014, the PUC approved substantive rules regulating water and sewer utilities. These can be found in 16 Texas Administrative Code, chapter 24. Procedural rules applicable to all PUC cases are found at 16 Texas Administrative Code chapter 22. The rules are on the PUC website, www.puc.texas.gov.

With the transfer of jurisdiction, the docket numbers of this case must also change. Accordingly, as of September 1, 2014:

SOAH Docket No. 582-14-3382 shall now be SOAH Docket No. 473-14-5144. TCEQ Docket No. 2014-0439-UCR shall now be PUC Docket No. 42866.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> See House Bill 1600 and Senate Bill 567, 83<sup>rd</sup> Legislature.

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Effective immediately, all filings in this matter shall reflect the new numbers and designation.

All documents and pleadings filed in this case must meet the PUC's filing requirements found at P.U.C. Proc. R. 22.71 (16 Texas Administrative Code § 22.71).<sup>2</sup> Note: the PUC's filing procedures and requirements are significantly different from the TCEQ's. For example, documents are filed with the PUC Central Records filing clerk not SOAH and there is a 3:00 p.m. filing deadline.<sup>3</sup> Effective immediately, parties are instructed to comply with the requirements found at P.U.C. Proc. R. 22.71.

On or before September 10, 2015, any change in party status or representation shall be filed in this case to ensure proper service.

As set out in Order No. 1 and pursuant to P.U.C. Proc. R. 22.248(d)(2), the undersigned Administrative Law Judge (ALJ) will convene a prehearing conference at 10:00 a.m. in a fourth floor hearing room at SOAH, located in the William P. Clements Building, 300 West 15th Street, Austin, Texas. The ALJ will discuss:

- 1. Whether 30 Texas Administrative Code Chapter 80 procedural rules or the PUC's procedural rules should apply;
- 2. Whether the procedural schedule should be modified to accommodate the transfer of the TCEQ's jurisdiction to the PUC;
- 3. PUC and SOAH filing requirements; and

 $<sup>^2</sup>$  The PUC's process of organizing the filings in this case is ongoing. During this process, if it is determined that the case file is incomplete, a party may be requested to resubmit a document for which that party is responsible to ensure a complete case file.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>3</sup> Central Records office hours are found at P.U.C. Proc. R. 22.71(g).

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4. Any other matters that may arise as a result of the transfer and will provide for fair and efficient processing of this case.

SIGNED September 3, 2014.

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