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APPLICATIONS OF DOUBLE DIAMOND UTILITIES CO. FOR A WATER AND SEWER RATE/TARIFF CHANGE (37752-R AND 37753-R)	§ § § § § § § §	PUBLIC UTILITY COMMISSION OF TEXAS
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COMMISSION STAFF'S LIST OF ISSUES

COMES NOW the Staff (Staff) of the Public Utility Commission of Texas (Commission), representing the public interest and files this List of Issues and would show the following:

I. BACKGROUND

On October 13, 2013, Double Diamond Utilities Company (Double Diamond) filed with the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality (TCEQ) to increase its water and sewer rates and change its water and sewer tariffs. The rate increase had an effective date of January 1, 2014. It was assigned TCEQ Docket No. 2014-0619-UCR. The deadline for customer protests was April 1, 2014. On May 22, 2014, TCEQ staff transferred this case to its Chief Clerk's office to be referred to the State Office of Administrative Hearings (SOAH).

On September 1, 2014, the Commission began the economic regulation of water and sewer utilities and this case was transferred to the Commission. On September 24, 2014, the Commission's Advising and Docket Management Division (CADM) issued an order of referral to SOAH requesting the assignment of an Administrative Law Judge (ALJ) to conduct a hearing and issue a proposal for decision, if necessary. The Order of Referral also allowed for Staff to file a list of issues by October 3, 2014. Pursuant to CADM's Order of Referral, this List of Issues is timely.

II. LIST OF ISSUES TO BE ADDRESSED

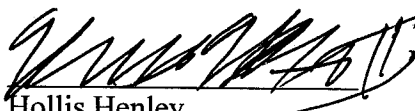
Staff has identified the following issues to be addressed:

1. Did the petition(s) for review of the rate change by the Double Diamond follow the requirements of Water Code § 13.187(b) and P.U.C. SUBST. R. 24.27?
2. Pursuant to Texas Water Code §§ 13.282 and 13.187(b) and P.U.C. SUBST. R. 24.25(b), are the rates established by Double Diamond:
 - a. just and reasonable;
 - b. not unreasonably preferential, prejudicial, or discriminatory; and
 - c. sufficient, equitable, and consistent in application to each class of customers?
3. What are the utility's reasonable expenses incurred in this proceeding?
4. Should the utility recover the reasonable expenses incurred in this proceeding?

Respectfully Submitted,

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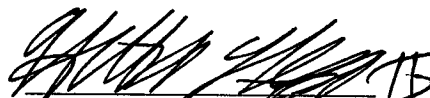


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