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APPLICATION OF NORTH ORANGE § BEFORE THE STATE OFFICE
WATER & SEWER L.L.C. D/B/A §
COUNTRY SQUIRE WATER AND § OF
SEWER FOR A RATE/TARIFF §
CHANGE (37820-R AND 37821-R) § ADMINISTRATIVE HEARINGS

SOAH ORDER NO. 1
MEMORIALIZING PREHEARING CONFERENCE;
ADOPTING PROCEDURAL SCHEDULE; RULING ON
INTERVENTION; AND NOTICE OF HEARING

A prehearing conference was held on December 8, 2014. The following parties entered an appearance: North Orange Water & Sewer d/b/a Country Squire Water and Sewer (Applicant); and the Staff of the Public Utility Commission of Texas (Commission). No other persons appeared or sought party status. No party challenged the sufficiency of notice or the propriety of jurisdiction, and both have been properly shown. After the prehearing conference, Staff submitted a proposed procedural schedule. The Administrative Law Judge finds it appropriate to adopt the proposed schedule.

I. PROCEDURAL SCHEDULE

THEREFORE, IT IS ORDERED that the following procedural schedule is hereby adopted and shall govern this proceeding:

DEADLINE	ACTION
March 16, 2015	Applicant to pre-file direct testimony
April 13, 2015	Intervenors, if any, to pre-file direct testimony
May 1, 2015	Staff to pre-file direct testimony
May 15, 2015	Applicant rebuttal testimony due
May 27, 2015	Hearing on the merits

II. NOTICE OF HEARING

Consistent with the schedule above, the hearing on the merits will be held at **9:00 a.m.** on **May 27, 2015**, at the SOAH hearing facilities located at the William P. Clements Office Building, 300 West 15th Street, Fourth Floor, Austin, Texas. Currently, the parties anticipate only one day for the hearing and they shall reserve that amount of time for it.

III. INTERVENTION

No persons or entities appeared at the prehearing conference to request to intervene. Staff has given indication that it perceives a filing by certain ratepayers on December 9, 2014, as a request to intervene. However, in that filing, the protesting ratepayers do not request party status nor to intervene in this case. Rather, the ratepayers simply express their disagreement with the rate change. Such forms of public comment or position statements are not uncommon in these types of cases, and they are not construed, standing alone, as a request to intervene as a party. **Accordingly, the only parties to this case are Staff and Applicant, and there are no pending motions to intervene.**

SIGNED December 16, 2014.



CRAIG R. BENNETT
ADMINISTRATIVE LAW JUDGE
STATE OFFICE OF ADMINISTRATIVE HEARINGS