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§ § COMPLAINT OF CAROL D. GILLESPIE AGAINST AVALON WATER SUPPLY AND SEWER SERVICES CORPORATION

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ADMINISTRATIVE HEARINGS

SOAH ORDER NO. 1 DESCRIPTION OF CASE, SCHEDULING PREHEARING CONFERENCE, AND GENERAL PROCEDURAL REQUIREMENTS

1. Description of Case

On August 24, 2014, Carol D. Gillespie filed a complaint with the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality against Avalon Water Supply and Sewer Services Corporation (Avalon) regarding alleged violations of Texas Water Code § 13.004. Avalon is a Texas Water Code ch. 67 water supply and sewer service company located in Avalon, Texas, which serves approximately 340 customers. Ms. Gillespie alleges that Avalon violated Texas Water Code § 13.004(a)(1) and (2) by not operating in accordance with the bylaws or in a manner that complies with the requirements for classification as a nonprofit water service corporation.

On September 2, 2014, this case transferred to the Public Utility Commission of Texas (Commission). On January 25, 2016, the Commission referred this case to the State Office of Administrative Hearings (SOAH), requesting the assignment of an administrative law judge (ALJ) to conduct a hearing and issue a proposal for decision, if such is necessary. SOAH has jurisdiction over matters relating to the conduct of the hearing in this proceeding under Texas Government Code § 2003.049.

2. Scheduling of Prehearing Conference

The ALJ will convene a telephone prehearing conference at 10:00 a.m., on Friday, March 18, 2016. At the prehearing conference, the ALJ will address a procedural and discovery schedule, a hearing on the merits date(s), adequate notice, and any other issues that will assist in the fair disposition of this case.

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The ALJ will call the parties at the following numbers (if these are incorrect, please notify the ALJ's assistant, Michael Martinez, at michael.martinez@soah.texas.gov):

Commission Staff, Jason Haas at 512-936-7295 Ms. Gillespie, Helen S. Gilbert and Randall B. Wilburn at 512-494-5341 Avalon, Aimee Hess at 1-888-818-5880

3. General Procedural Requirements

All Commission filings are available for viewing and downloading from the Commission's website at <u>http://interchange.puc.state.tx.us</u>. Once there, click "Filings Search" and type in the control number 45231 and press "enter." A list of documents filed in this docket will appear and you may access those documents by clicking on the document number.

The Commission's procedural rules are available at the Commission's website (<u>www.puc.state.tx.us</u>). The procedural rules will govern the conduct of this case, and the ALJ expects the parties to comply with those rules.

SIGNED March 4, 2016.

STEPHANIE FRAZĖĖ ADMINISTRATIVE LAW JUDGE STATE OFFICE OF ADMINISTRATIVE HEARINGS