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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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# **SOAH DOCKET NO. 582-05-1528 TCEQ DOCKET NO. 2004-1201-UCR**



| APPLICATIONS OF FALL CREEK      | § | BEFORE THE STATE OFFICE ISS! |
|---------------------------------|---|------------------------------|
| UTILITY COMPANY, INC., TO RAISE | § |                              |
| WATER AND SEWER UTILITY RATES   | § | $\mathbf{OF}$                |
| IN HOOD COUNTY, TEXAS           | § |                              |
|                                 | § | ADMINISTRATIVE HEARINGS      |

# ORDER NO. 8 CLARIFYING CONDITIONAL DISMISSAL

On October 25, 2005, counsel for the Executive Director of the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality ("TCEQ") filed a status report and request for clarification, stating that the Executive Director construes the recent request of Lake Granbury Ranch Property Owners Association to dismiss the captioned action as a request to withdraw the pending applications (which have now been assigned to the association) with prejudice, under 30 TEX. ADMIN. CODE ("TAC") § 80.25(a).

Upon reviewing the file, the Administrative Law Judge ("ALJ") agrees that the Executive Director's interpretation of the association's request for dismissal is reasonable. The association has made no attempt to establish any of the circumstances under which an application might be withdrawn or dismissed *without* prejudice, under 30 TAC § 80.25. Moreover, a withdrawal with prejudice in this instance is unlikely to inconvenience the association in any way, since any future application on its part to change rates would be expected to reflect circumstances readily distinguishable from those associated with the present applications.

If the association wishes to challenge the conclusion that the pending applications should be dismissed with prejudice, it should file pleadings to that effect immediately, as the ALJ still intends for the dismissal of this action from the docket of the State Office of Administrative Hearings ("SOAH") to become final on November 1, 2005 (absent properly filed objections from any party).

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Consistent with 30 TAC § 80.25(b), finalization of the dismissal from SOAH will entail remand of this action and the pending applications to the Executive Director for entry of an order dismissing them with prejudice.

RECOGNIZING SUBSTITUTION OF COUNSEL

The ALJ acknowledges the substitution of Dawn Burton, Staff Attorney, as counsel for the Executive Director in this proceeding.

**PROCEDURAL QUESTIONS** 

Routine procedural and logistical questions may be directed to Rita McBride at (512) 475-3419; however, please note that SOAH support personnel are not authorized to provide general advice or the interpretation of regulations or policy.

SIGNED October 27, 2005.

MIKE ROGAN (

ADMINISTRATIVE LAW JUDGE

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(TCEQ)

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