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APPEAL OF WATER AND	§	BEFORE THE STATE OFFICE
SEWER RATES CHARGED	§	BEFORE THE STATE OFFICE FILING CLERK
BY THE	§	OF
TOWN OF WOODLOCH	§	
CCN NOS. 12312 AND 20141	§	ADMINISTRATIVE HEARINGS

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SOAH DOCKET NO. 473-15-1710.WS PUC DOCKET NO. 43720

RATEPAYERS' APPEAL OF THE	§	BEFORE THE STATE OFFICE
DECISION BY THE TOWN OF	§	
WOODLOCH TO	§	OF
CHANGE RATES	§	
(37967-A, 37968-A)	§	ADMINISTRATIVE HEARINGS

SOAH ORDER NO. 1

GRANTING MOTION TO CONSOLIDATE, REVISING HEARING SCHEDULE, AND SETTING NEW HEARING DATE

The Town of Woodloch (Woodloch) moved to consolidate SOAH Docket No. 473-14-5139.WS (PUC Docket No. 42862) with SOAH Docket No. 473-15-1710.WS (PUC Docket No. 43720). The motion is opposed by the staff (Staff) of the Public Utility Commission (PUC), David Bonham, and Cathy Lewkowski. A telephonic prehearing conference was held with the parties to discuss the merits of the motion. Having considered the motion and the arguments of the parties, the Administrative Law Judge (ALJ) concludes that the motion should be granted.

The ALJ's decision to consolidate the cases necessitates a continuance of the current hearing setting and revisions to the pre-hearing schedule. The parties have agreed that they are available for a new hearing setting of the consolidated cases on June 2-4, 2015. The parties have also submitted a Joint Proposed Schedule for proceeding on the consolidated cases.

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Accordingly, the ALJ ORDERS as follows:

- Woodloch's Motion to Consolidate is GRANTED and the two docket numbers are hereby consolidated. All future pleadings shall be filed under SOAH Docket No. 473-14-5139.WS (PUC Docket No. 42862) using the same case title of that docket.
- The hearing on the merits scheduled for April 13-15, 2015, in Docket No. 473-14-5139.WS is **CONTINUED** to the new hearing date set forth below.
- The following schedule is adopted and will govern this case:

June 2-4, 2015	Hearing on the merits
May 26, 2015	Telephonic Prehearing conference
May 19, 2015	Deadline for responses to objections to all testimony and evidence
May 12, 2015	Deadline for objections to rate case expense testimony and evidence
May 5, 2015	Deadline for Staff to file supplemental direct testimony and evidence related to rate case expenses
April 24, 2015	Deadline for Petitioners to file supplemental direct testimony and evidence related to rate case expenses
April 14, 2015	Deadline for Woodloch to file supplemental direct testimony and evidence related to rate case expenses

- The May 26, 2015 telephonic prehearing conference will commence at 10:00 a.m.
- The hearing on the merits will commence at 9:00 a.m. on June 2, 2015, and continue thereafter from day to day until complete. The hearing will be convened in the hearing facilities of the State Office of Administrative Hearings, located in the William P. Clements Building, Fourth Floor, 300 West 15th Street, Austin, Texas.
- In light of the consolidation, the ALJ will leave pending: (1) Staff's Objections to Woodloch's Direct Testimony filed March 11, 2015; (2) Woodloch's Objections the Protestants' Direct Testimony; and (3) Staff's Objections to Woodloch's Direct

Testimony filed March 27, 2015. These motions will be ruled upon after the May 19, 2015 deadline for objecting to all evidence.

SIGNED April 10, 2015.

HUNTER BURKHALTER

ADMINISTRATIVE LAW JUDGE

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