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***Public Utility Commission of Texas***

**TO: State Office of Administrative Hearings**

**FROM: Stephen Journey**  
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**RE: Order of Referral**  
**P.U.C. Docket No. 44010; SOAH Docket No. 473-15-2123.WS – *Petition of the Ratepayers of the River Place Water and Wastewater Systems for Review of a Decision by the City of Austin to Change Retail Rates***

**DATE: January 27, 2015**

Enclosed herewith are the following documents related to the above referenced application:

1. Application and Commission file in the above referenced docket\*
2. Request for assignment of Administrative Law Judge
3. Order of Referral

cc: without Items 1 and 2: All Parties of Record

\*Referred file contains all filings through January 24, 2015

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<b>PETITION OF THE RATEPAYERS OF</b>	<b>§</b>	<b>PUBLIC UTILITY COMMISSION</b>
<b>THE RIVER PLACE WATER AND</b>	<b>§</b>	
<b>WASTEWATER SYSTEMS FOR</b>	<b>§</b>	
<b>REVIEW OF A DECISION BY THE</b>	<b>§</b>	<b>OF TEXAS</b>
<b>CITY OF AUSTIN TO CHANGE</b>	<b>§</b>	
<b>RETAIL RATES</b>	<b>§</b>	

**ORDER OF REFERRAL**

The Public Utility Commission of Texas (Commission) refers this docket to the State Office of Administrative Hearings (SOAH) and requests the assignment of an administrative law judge (ALJ) to conduct a hearing and issue a proposal for decision, if such is necessary in the event one or more issues are contested by the parties.

In order to develop a list of the issues to be addressed in this docket, as well as any necessary statement of Commission policy, precedent, and/or position on any threshold legal or policy issue(s) relevant to this proceeding the Ratepayers of the River Place Water and Wastewater Systems and the City of Austin, shall, and the Commission Staff and any other interested party may, file with the Commission a list of issues to be addressed in the docket by **February 11, 2015**. This pleading may also (1) identify any issue(s) which should not be addressed in the docket, and (2) identify any threshold legal and/or policy issue(s) which should be briefed for purposes of a preliminary order. Specific explanations should support proposals included in the pleading pursuant to (1) and (2). Parties shall not file responses to any pleading submitted in response to this Order, unless specifically requested.

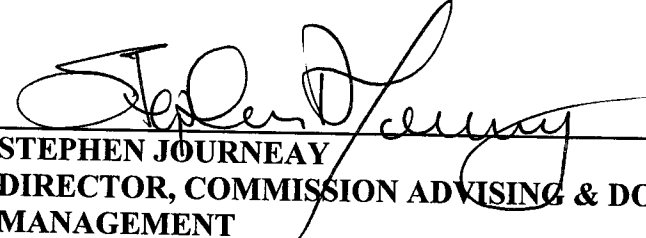
All subsequent pleadings in this docket must contain both the SOAH and PUC docket numbers to allow for efficient processing. Parties shall make filings in accordance with P.U.C. PROC. R. 22.71(c) regarding the number of copies to be filed or P.U.C. PROC. R. 22.71(d)(c) regarding the number of confidential items to be provided.

The Commission will issue and provide to SOAH a preliminary order which includes a list of issues and areas that must be addressed in this proceeding, pursuant to TEX. GOV'T CODE

ANN. § 2003.049(e) (Vernon 2008 & Supp. 2014), and any necessary statement of Commission policy, precedent, or position on threshold issues, or combination thereof, relevant to this proceeding, pursuant to TEX. GOV'T CODE ANN. § 2001.058(c) (Vernon 2008 & Supp. 2014). The Commission will consider and possibly adopt a preliminary order in this docket in the open meeting currently scheduled to convene on **March 6, 2015**.

SIGNED AT AUSTIN, TEXAS the 27<sup>th</sup> day of January 2015.

**PUBLIC UTILITY COMMISSION OF TEXAS**

  
**STEPHEN JOURNEAY**  
**DIRECTOR, COMMISSION ADVISING & DOCKET**  
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