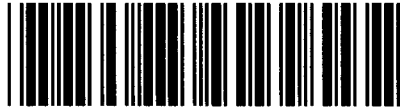




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**PETITION OF RATEPAYERS OF
THE FORMER RIVER PLACE
WATER AND WASTEWATER
SYSTEMS APPEALING
THE RETAIL WATER AND
WASTEWATER RATES OF THE
CITY OF AUSTIN**

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CITY OF AUSTIN STATUS REPORT

TO THE HONORABLE ADMINISTRATIVE LAW JUDGES:

COMES NOW, the City of Austin, ("City" or "Austin"), in the above styled and docketed water and wastewater rate appeal proceeding, by and through its attorneys of record, and files this City of Austin Status Report as required by SOAH Order No. 8. This status report has been reviewed and approved by all parties to the above styled and docketed matter, including: Petitioners, by and through their attorneys of record, Randall B. Wilburn and Helen Gilbert; and Public Utility Commission Staff, by and through their attorneys of record, Jessica Gray and Thomas L. Tynes.

I. PROCEDURAL BACKGROUND

1. Thursday, July 23, 2015, Petitioners in the above styled and docketed water and wastewater rate appeal accepted an offer of the City to resolve this case. As part of the acceptance of the settlement, Petitioners' counsel stated that he would draft a Motion to Abate.
2. On July 28, 2015, Austin filed it Motion for Abatement notifying the Administrative Law Judges ("ALJs") that the parties have reached agreement that the schedule should be abated.
3. On July 29, 2015, the ALJs issued Order No. 8 Granting Motion for Abatement ("Order"). In the Order, the ALJ ordered that the parties submit a status report on or before August 27, 2015 and provide three (3) agreed upon dates and times for a Prehearing Conference, if settlement has not been finalized.

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II. STATUS UPDATE

Austin and Petitioners have reached agreement on all disputed matters of fact and law at issue in this contested rate case hearing. The Austin City Council and the River Place Residential Community Association, Inc., the beneficiaries of the settlement agreement, have both approved the settlement terms. At this time, counsel for Austin and Petitioners are working to finalize the procedures for implementing the terms and conditions of the agreed settlement. Austin and Petitioners expect to finalize the settlement agreement by September 4, 2015.

III. PREHEARING CONFERENCE

Austin and Petitioners do not believe there will be any need for a prehearing conference or any further proceedings in this case. In compliance with SOAH Order No. 8, however, The parties have conferred and agree to the following four (4) dates and times all parties are available for a Prehearing Conference:

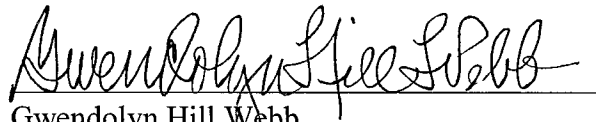
- a. Wednesday, September 16, 2015;
- b. Thursday, September 17, 2015;
- c. Friday, September 18, 2015; and
- d. Tuesday, September 22, 2015.

Austin and Petitioners expect to finalize the settlement agreement and present this contested case hearing for dismissal before any prehearing conference is convened.

IV. REQUESTED RELIEF

CONSIDERING THE FOREGOING, the Parties respectfully request that the ALJs consider this Status Report and issue an order convening a prehearing conference in consideration of the parties' available dates only if necessary, and after September 4, 2015. The parties will notify the Administrative Law Judge if the settlement is finalized and request disposition before the scheduled prehearing date.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "Gwendolyn Hill Webb", written over a horizontal line.

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