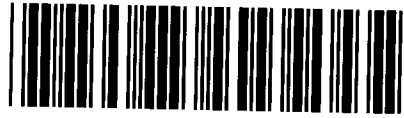


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COMMISSION STAFF'S REQUEST FOR REFERRAL TO THE STATE OFFICE OF ADMINISTRATIVE HEARINGS

COMES NOW the Staff of the Public Utility Commission of Texas (Staff), representing the public interest, and files this Commission Staff's Revised Request for Referral to the State Office of Administrative Hearings. In support thereof, Staff shows the following:

I. BACKGROUND

On January 16, 2015, Mooreland Water Company (Mooreland) filed an application for a rate/tariff change. The Rate/Tariff Change application was filed to pay for repairs, system upgrades required by regulation, increased energy cost, increased chemical cost, increased laboratory fees, and Regulatory fees since the last rate increase in 1997. Mooreland reported an annual revenue increase of \$20,833.00 and proposed an effective date of January 15, 2015.

On February 10, 2015, Order No. 2 was issued which required Mooreland to cure all deficiencies in its application that had been identified by Staff by March 6, 2015. Order No. 2 also required Mooreland to file supporting documentation by February 20, 2015 demonstrating that proposed rates had not been implemented or that refunds had been made. Mooreland filed additional materials to supplement its application on February 24, 2015. Finally, Order No. 2 required that Staff file a recommendation on the administrative completeness of the amended application and notice by April 3, 2015.

On March 13, 2015, Order No. 3 was issued deeming the application administratively complete and allowing Staff until September 11, 2015 to request a hearing or make a final recommendation on the Application. Accordingly, this pleading is timely filed.

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II. REQUEST FOR REFERRAL TO SOAH

Pursuant to 16 Tex. Admin. Code § 24.28 (TAC), the Commission may conduct a public hearing on any application. Staff recommends that this matter be referred to the State Office of Administrative Hearings (SOAH) for a hearing on the requested rate. Staff has not been able to contact Mooreland to discuss a date for a prehearing conference. Accordingly, Staff recommends that a prehearing conference be scheduled on November 12, 2015 at 10:00 a.m. to give Mooreland's ratepayers adequate time to receive notice and prepare for the prehearing conference, should they wish to participate. Staff further recommends that Mooreland issue notice of the prehearing conference to its ratepayers in the format of the attached sample notice no later than October 23, 2015 and that proof of notice be provided to the Commission by October 30, 2015.

III. CONCLUSION

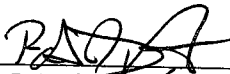
Staff respectfully requests that an order be issued consistent with this Request.

Dated: **September 11, 2015**

Respectfully Submitted,

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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I certify that a copy of this document will be served on all parties of record on September 11, 2015 in accordance with 16 TAC § 22.74.



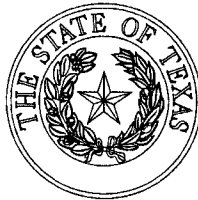
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NOTICE OF PREHEARING CONFERENCE
[Applicant Name & Water System Name]
SOAH Docket No. [SOAH ###-##-#### to be Determined]
PUC Docket No. #####

Application

[Applicant Name and Water System Name] has applied to the Public Utility Commission of Texas (PUC) to change its water and sewer rate/tariff effective [DATE] for its service area located in [County Name(s)] Counties, Texas (Certificate of Convenience and Necessity No. #####).

Prehearing Conference

The State Office of Administrative Hearings (SOAH) will conduct a prehearing conference on this application on:

[Date & Time]
William P. Clements Building
300 W. 15th Street, Suite # 408
Austin, Texas 78701-1649

The purpose of a prehearing conference is to name the parties, establish a procedural schedule for the remainder of the proceeding, allow an opportunity for settlement discussions, and to address other matters as determined by the judge. The evidentiary phase of the proceeding will be similar to a civil trial in state district court. The prehearing conference will be conducted in accordance with Chapter 2001 of the Texas Government Code; Chapter 13 of the Texas Water Code; the PUC's Substantive Rules, including Title 16 of the Texas Administrative Code (TAC) Chapter 24; and the PUC's Procedural Rules, including 16 TAC Chapter 22. More information regarding the PUC's rules and procedures can be found at <http://www.puc.texas.gov>.

Persons with disabilities who plan to attend this prehearing conference and who need special accommodations at the prehearing conference should call the SOAH Docketing Department at 512-475-3445, at least one week prior to the prehearing conference. For more information on SOAH, you may visit <http://www.soah.state.tx.us> or email: questions@soah.state.tx.us.