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APPLICATION OF SHARYLAND UTILITIES, L.P. FOR APPROVAL OF AN ADVANCED METERING SYSTEM DEPLOYMENT PLAN, SURCHARGE, AND NON-STANDARD METERING SERVICE FEES BEFORE THE STATE OFFICE CONTRICT OF SION

OF

ADMINISTRATIVE HEARINGS

STATUS REPORT IN RESPONSE TO SOAH ORDER NO. 4 AND REQUEST TO ESTABLISH A PROCEDURAL SCHEDULE <u>AND SCHEDULE A HEARING ON THE MERITS</u>

Pursuant to SOAH Order No. 4, Sharyland Utilities, L.P. ("Sharyland") hereby files this status report to provide the Administrative Law Judge ("ALJ") with an update on the status of this docket, and to request the establishment of a procedural schedule and the scheduling of a hearing on the merits in this case.

Since the case was abated pursuant to SOAH Order No. 3, the parties have engaged in settlement discussions, and have made some progress. However, as of the time of this filing, we have not yet reached a comprehensive agreement in principle. Therefore, Sharyland respectfully requests that the ALJ establish a new procedural schedule and schedule a hearing on the merits to commence next month. Sharyland has conferred with the other parties to this proceeding, and all parties agree with the schedule proposed below including the proposed hearing dates. In the meantime, the parties will continue to consult in an effort to reach a settlement.

In addition to proposed hearing dates, Sharyland has included a deadline for Sharyland to submit revised testimony to reflect an updated deployment schedule. The current deployment schedule, included in the application in Attachment A, reflects a deployment schedule to begin in September 2015. Because this case has not yet concluded, this date will need to be adjusted to account for the current procedural posture of the case.

Sharyland is authorized to represent that all parties to this proceeding support this request.

Proposed Schedule and Hearing Dates

Event	Deadline
Deadline for Sharyland to Submit a Revised Deployment Schedule and Corresponding Testimony Errata	September 25, 2015
Potential Hearing Dates ¹	October 22-23 ²

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September 15, 2015

CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I hereby certify that a true and correct copy of the foregoing document was served on all parties of record on the 15th day of September 2015.

¹ The parties believe that the hearing on the merits will conclude in one day, but respectfully request that the hearing be schedule for two consecutive days in the event it becomes necessary to reconvene for a second day.

² To the extent that the proposed hearing dates conflict with the ALJs' schedules, Sharyland will work with the parties to develop alternative hearing dates.