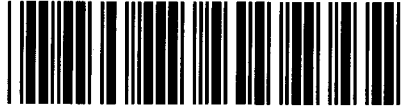


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TO ADJUST ITS ENERGY § OF
EFFICIENCY COST RECOVERY §
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SOAH ORDER NO. 1
SETTING INITIAL PREHEARING CONFERENCE,
ADOPTING PROTECTIVE ORDER,
AND ADMITTING INTERVENOR

I. DESCRIPTION OF CASE

On May 1, 2015, Southwestern Public Service Company (SPS) filed an application for approval of its energy efficiency cost recovery factor and other related relief pursuant to P.U.C. Subst. R. 25.181. On May 4, 2015, the Public Utility Commission of Texas (Commission) referred this case to the State Office of Administrative Hearings (SOAH), requesting the assignment of an Administrative Law Judge (ALJ) to conduct a hearing and issue a proposal for decision, if such is necessary. On May 5, 2015, the Commission issued a corrected order of referral. The Commission will consider this case at its May 21, 2015 open meeting and subsequently issue a preliminary order. SOAH has jurisdiction over matters relating to the conduct of the hearing in this proceeding pursuant to Tex. Gov't Code § 2003.049.

II. NOTICE OF PREHEARING CONFERENCE

The ALJ will convene a prehearing conference in this docket at **10:00 a.m. on June 2, 2015**, in a SOAH hearing room located on the 4th Floor of the William P. Clements Building, 300 West 15th Street, Austin, Texas. The following matters will be discussed at the prehearing conference:

1. Any pending motions;
2. the status of notice;
3. applicable deadlines;
4. a procedural schedule, including a date for the hearing on the merits; and
5. any other matters that may assist in the disposition of the proceeding in a fair and efficient manner.

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III. DISCOVERY AND OTHER PROCEDURAL MATTERS

Discovery may begin immediately pursuant to the provisions of subchapter H of the Commission's procedural rules. All pleadings shall be filed with the Commission's filing clerk, not with the SOAH filing clerk. The Commission's filing clerk will forward a copy of the pleadings to SOAH. If the parties have procedural questions or believe the ALJ should be made aware of a filing in a more immediate manner, they may contact Melissa Ethridge at (512) 463-0203. Unless otherwise specified, responses to any motion or other pleading shall be filed with **three working days** from receipt of the pleading to which the response is made.

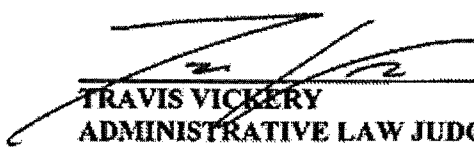
IV. PROTECTIVE ORDER

The protective order filed as Exhibit C to SPS's application is adopted and shall apply in this matter.

V. ADMITTING INTERVENOR

On May 7, 2015, the Office of Public Utility Counsel filed a motion to intervene. No response has been filed. The motion is granted.

SIGNED May 19, 2014.



TRAVIS VICKERY
ADMINISTRATIVE LAW JUDGE
STATE OFFICE OF ADMINISTRATIVE HEARINGS