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Douglas M. Brown
Public Utility Commission
PO Box 13326
Austin, TX 78711-3326

Reference: "Request For Referral To SOAH" Docket No 44809

Dear Mr Brown,

As required by "Request for Referral to SOAH" order dated December 4, 2015 (Docket 44809), please accept this letter along with the attached affidavit and customer notice as proof of ratepayer notice of prehearing conference. A portion of the customer notices were sent via email on January 22, 2016 and the remaining customer notices were mailed on January 25, 2016. In addition, I have attached "SOAH Order No. 1 Jurisdiction Notice Of Prehearing Conference And General Procedures" dated January 15, 2016, noting Quadvest issued ratepayer notices as soon as practicable following issuance of SOAH Order No. 1.

Thanks for your time and consideration on this matter. If you have any questions and/or comments, please do not hesitate to contact Jeff Eastman (713-356-5347).

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Simon Sequeira', written over the typed name and title.

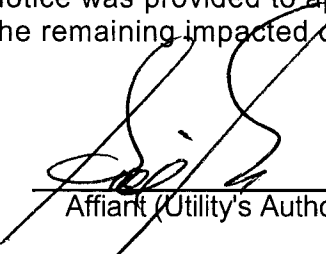
Simon Sequeira
President

AFFIDAVIT

STATE OF TEXAS
COUNTY OF
MONTGOMERY

I, Simon P. Sequeira, being duly sworn, file this NOTICE OF PREHEARING CONFERENCE (Docket 44809) as President of Quadvest L.P.; that, in such capacity, I am qualified and authorized to file and verify such NOTICE; and that all statements made and matters set forth herein are true and correct.

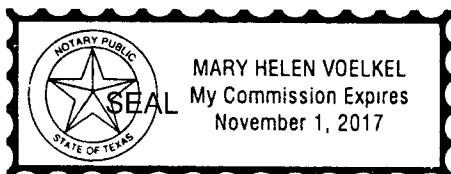
I further represent that a copy of the attached customer notice was provided to approx. 2,250 impacted customers via email on January 22, 2016 and the remaining impacted customers on January 25, 2016.

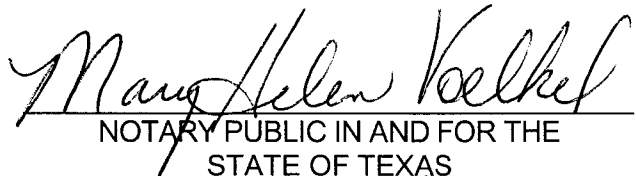


Affiant (Utility's Authorized Representative)

If the Affiant to this form is any person other than the sole owner, partner, officer of the Utility, or its attorney, a properly verified Power of Attorney must be enclosed.

Subscribed and sworn to before me this the 25th day of January, to certify which witness my hand and seal of office.





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NOTICE OF PREHEARING CONFERENCE

Quadvest, L.P.

SOAH Docket No. SOAH 473-16-1848.WS

PUC Docket No. 44809

Application

Quadvest, L.P. has applied to the Public Utility Commission of Texas (PUC) to change its water rate/tariff effective August 8, 2015 for its service area located in the counties of Aransas Pass, Brazoria, Fort Bend, Harris, Jackson, Liberty, Matagorda, Montgomery, Walker and Waller and within the city of Richmond, Texas (Certificate of Convenience and Necessity No. 11612).

Prehearing Conference

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

February 2, 2016 at 10:00 a.m.
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.



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**SOAH DOCKET NO. 473-16-1848.WS
PUC DOCKET NO. 44809**

APPLICATION OF	§	BEFORE THE STATE OFFICE
QUADVEST, LP	§	
FOR RATE/TARIFF CHANGE	§	OF
	§	
	§	ADMINISTRATIVE HEARINGS

**SOAH ORDER NO. 1
JURISDICTION, NOTICE OF PREHEARING CONFERENCE,
AND GENERAL PROCEDURES**

On June 5, 2015, Quadvest, LP filed an application (Application) with the Public Utility Commission of Texas (Commission) for a rate/tariff change in Aransas, Brazoria, Fort Bend, Harris, Jackson, Liberty, Matagorda, Montgomery, Walker, and Waller Counties and within the City of Richmond. Quadvest requests approval of the change in rates in two phases of rate increases. The effective date for the first phase of the proposed rate change is August 8, 2015, and the effective date for the second phase of the proposed rate change is January 1, 2016.

The Commission has received seven letters protesting the proposed rate change. On December 4, 2015, Commission Staff filed a request for referral to the State Office of Administrative Hearing (SOAH). On January 12, 2016, the Commission referred this matter to SOAH and requested the assignment of an Administrative Law Judge (ALJ) to conduct a hearing and issue a proposal for decision, if necessary.

I. JURISDICTION

Chapter 13 of the Texas Water Code vests jurisdiction over this matter in the Commission. Pursuant to chapter 2003 of the Texas Government Code, SOAH has jurisdiction over all matters relating to the conduct of a hearing in this matter.

II. NOTICE OF PREHEARING CONFERENCE

The ALJ will hold a prehearing conference at the following date, time, and place:

February 2, 2016, at 10:00 a.m.
State Office of Administrative Hearings
300 W. 15th Street, Fourth Floor
Austin, Texas

The ALJ may discuss the following matters at the February 2, 2016 prehearing conference:

- (1) Motions and other preliminary matters related to the proceeding, including notice, discovery, and procedural schedules;
- (2) Settlement of the case, or clarification and simplification of the issues;
- (3) The necessity or desirability of amended pleadings;
- (4) The possibility of obtaining stipulations that would avoid the unnecessary introduction of evidence;
- (5) Evidentiary matters;
- (6) The specific procedures to be followed at the hearing;
- (7) The scheduling of the hearing on the merits; and
- (8) Any other matters as may assist in the disposition of the proceeding in a fair and efficient manner.

III. GENERAL PROCEDURES

The Commission's procedural rules govern this proceeding. *See* 16 Tex. Admin. Code ch. 22. The procedural rules may be found at the Commission's website, www.puc.texas.gov. Parties are expected to know these procedures and comply with them fully.

A. Filing

The procedures for the filing of pleadings and other documents are set out in 16 Texas Administrative Code, chapter 22, subchapter E of the Commission's procedural rules. Pleadings and other documents shall be deemed filed when the proper number of legible copies is presented to the Commission's filing clerk for filing. **All pleadings must contain both the SOAH and PUC docket numbers to allow for efficient processing.**

B. Service

As stated above, all documents filed in this case must be filed at the Commission. When a party files a document with the Commission, that party is required to serve or give a copy of that document to every other party. Attached to this order is a service list for the parties' convenience.

Parties may wish to provide an email address for receiving orders from the ALJ. If so, go to SOAH's website at www.soah.texas.gov and click on "Request Email Service" and complete a short form. The service list will be updated as necessary.

C. Motions and Responses to Motions and Other Pleadings


Before filing a motion or a request for relief, the party filing the motion must contact the other parties to determine if the parties agree to or oppose the motion. The motion must state the parties' positions on the requested relief.

Unless otherwise specified, responses to a motion or another pleading must be filed within **five working days** from receipt of the pleading to which the response is made. Such responsive pleadings shall state the date of receipt of the original pleading. Failure to file a timely response will be considered acquiescence to the relief requested.

D. Discovery

Discovery may begin immediately and is governed by the Commission's procedural rules at 16 Texas Administrative Code, chapter 22, subchapter H. All discovery requests and responses shall be filed with the Commission in accordance with its procedural rules. Discovery requests and responses are not filed with SOAH.

SIGNED January 15, 2016.



KERRIE JO QUALTROUGH
ADMINISTRATIVE LAW JUDGE
STATE OFFICE OF ADMINISTRATIVE HEARINGS