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RATEPAYERS' APPEAL OF THE
DECISION BY NORTH SAN SABA
WATER SUPPLY CORPORATION
TO CHANGE RATES

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BEFORE THE STATE OFFICE

OF

ADMINISTRATIVE HEARINGS

PUBLIC UTILITY COMMISSION
FILING CLERK

SOAH ORDER NO. 1
DESCRIPTION OF CASE, SCHEDULING PREHEARING CONFERENCE,
AND GENERAL PROCEDURAL REQUIREMENTS

I. DESCRIPTION OF CASE

On October 26, 2015, Barbara Horn, as Chairman of the Ratepayers Committee, a designated ratepayer representative for ratepayers taking service from North San Saba Water Supply Corporation (San Saba), filed with the Public Utility Commission of Texas (Commission) a petition appealing the decision of San Saba to increase water rates effective September 5, 2015.

The Public Utility Commission of Texas (Commission) has jurisdiction pursuant to Texas Water Code § 13.043(b)(1) and (c). On January 11, 2016, the 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. SOAH has jurisdiction over matters relating to the conduct of the hearing in this proceeding under Texas Government Code § 2003.049.

II. SCHEDULING OF PREHEARING CONFERENCE

The ALJ finds it is appropriate to have an initial prehearing conference by telephone. Thus, the ALJ will convene a telephone prehearing at **10:00 a.m., on Friday, February 19, 2016**. At the prehearing conference, the ALJ will address a procedural and discovery schedule, a

hearing on the merits date(s), adequate notice, and any other issues that will assist in the fair disposition of this case.

The ALJ will call the parties at the following numbers (if these names or numbers are incorrect, please notify the ALJ's assistant, Ms. Tujuana Tate, at 512-475-2241 or tujuana.tate@soah.texas.gov):

Commission Staff, Sam Chang at 512-936-7290

Ratepayers, Ms. Horn at 325-372-4676


San Saba, Richard T. Miller at 325-372-4400

III. GENERAL PROCEDURAL REQUIREMENTS

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The Commission's procedural rules are available at the Commission's website (www.puc.state.tx.us). The procedural rules will govern the conduct of this case, and the ALJ expects the parties to comply with those rules. Any questions about the rules or procedures may be directed to Commission Staff. Parties should be aware that Staff represents the public interest and may take a position different from either the ratepayers or San Saba.

SIGNED February 3, 2016.



HOLLY VANDROVEC
ADMINISTRATIVE LAW JUDGE
STATE OFFICE OF ADMINISTRATIVE HEARINGS