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APPLICATION OF PONDER
ENTERPRISES INC. DBA
LONGHORN CO. FOR A CLASS C
RATE ADJUSTMENT

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**ORDER NO. 1
REQUIRING COMMENTS ON ADMINISTRATIVE COMPLETENESS
AND ADDRESSING OTHER PROCEDURAL MATTERS**

I. Application

On December 17, 2016, Ponder Enterprises, Inc. d/b/a Longhorn Co. (Ponder) filed with the Public Utility Commission of Texas (Commission) an application for a rate/tariff change.

II. Requiring Comments on Administrative Completeness of the Application and Notice

Pursuant to 16 Tex. Admin. Code § 24.8(a) (TAC), the application shall be reviewed for administrative completeness within 30 calendar days of receipt of the application. An application is not considered filed with the Commission until a determination of administrative completeness is made. By **January 18, 2016**, Commission Staff shall file comments on the administrative completeness of the application and notice.

III. Requesting Procedural Schedule

In addition, by **January 18, 2015**, the Applicant and Commission Staff shall file comments regarding how this application should be processed and propose a procedural schedule, if appropriate.

IV. Discovery

Discovery may proceed informally; however, objections to Requests for Information (RFIs) must be filed and served within 10 days of receiving the RFI. Objections shall include a statement that negotiations were conducted diligently and in good faith. If the parties are unable to resolve a discovery dispute, a motion to compel a response to an RFI must be filed and served within 5 working days of receipt of an objection. The motion to compel shall specify the grounds for the motion.

V. Filing Requirements

Unless otherwise specified, an original and ten copies of documents relating to this proceeding must be filed with the Commission filing clerk according to 16 TAC § 22.71. A copy of each document filed with the Commission must also be served on all parties as provided in 16 TAC § 22.74. All filings can be accessed on the PUC Interchange, <http://interchange.puc.texas.gov>.

All parties shall provide their current addresses, telephone and facsimile numbers, if available, to all other parties and the Commission by filing and serving all parties with such information. Each party shall provide the Commission and all parties with updated address, telephone, and facsimile information if such information changes. The telephone and facsimile numbers will be placed on the service list for this proceeding. Parties are responsible for updating their own service lists to reflect changed information and the addition of any other parties.

VI. Ex Parte Communications

Pursuant to 16 TAC § 22.3(b)(2), ex parte communications with the administrative law judges and presiding officer (collectively, ALJs) are prohibited. Parties shall communicate with the ALJs only through written documents filed with the Commission's Filing Clerk and served on all parties. Questions concerning this order or any other order must be submitted in writing, filed with the Commission, and served on all parties of record.

SIGNED AT AUSTIN, TEXAS the 21ST day of December 2015.

PUBLIC UTILITY COMMISSION OF TEXAS



SUSAN E. GOODSON
ADMINISTRATIVE LAW JUDGE