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APPLICATION OF MONARCH

§ § BEFORE THE STATE OFFICE

UTILITIES I, L.P. TO CHANGE RATES

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FOR WATER AND SEWER SERVICE

ADMINISTRATIVE HEARINGS

MONARCH UTILITIES I, L.P.'S RESPONSES TO COMMISSION STAFF'S SIXTH REQUEST FOR INFORMATION

To: Commission Staff, by and through its attorney of record, Sam Chang, Public Utility Commission of Texas, Legal Division, 1701 North Congress Avenue, Austin, Texas 78711-3326.

Monarch Utilities I, L.P. ("Monarch") files its Responses to Public Utility Commission ("Commission") Staff's Sixth Requests for Information received April 19 2016. This response is timely filed. This response may be treated by all parties as if it were filed under oath.

Respectfully submitted,

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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I hereby certify that on this 29th day of April, 2016, a true and correct copy of the foregoing document has been hand-delivered., sent via facsimile, e-mail, or first class mail to all parties of record.

WILLIAM A. FAULK, III

MONARCH'S RESPONSES TO STAFF'S SIXTH REQUESTS FOR INFORMATION

STAFF RFI 6-1:

Reference Craig Gott's Entertainment /Business Meeting Expenses schedule under WP II-E-4.4. Please Identify the party referred to as TXU and explain the relevance the TXU rate case kick off meeting and tour has in the 2016 Monarch Utilities I, L.P. rate case.

RESPONSE:

Monarch Utilities I, LP is a subsidiary of SouthWest Water Company ("SWWC"). Internally, SWWC refers to its Texas based operations, which includes Monarch, as Texas Utilities ("TXU"). Craig Gott's testimony erroneously refers to the TXU rate case when in fact intended to refer to the Monarch rate case.

Craig Gott works in SWWC's Suburban Water Systems ("SWS") operations based in Covina, CA. Craig Gott has extensive experience preparing rate case testimony and was selected by Monarch to prepare the capital testimony for the 2016 rate case application. The rate case kick off meeting and tour of Monarch's facilities was held from August 11, 2015 to August 13, 2015.

The initial meeting was held at the SWWC office in Sugar Land, TX on August 11, 2015. The purpose of this meeting was to scope, plan, schedule, and discuss resources for the preparation of the capital rate case testimony with the Regulatory, Accounting, Information Technology (IT), and Executive Management team.

Subsequent meetings were held at the Pflugerville, TX office on August 12, 2015 and Conroe, TX office on August 13, 2015 to plan and coordinate the preparation of the capital testimony with Monarch's Field Operations Management and Engineering team members. Between meetings Monarch's personnel took Craig on field tours to familiarize him with Monarch's water and wastewater facilities.

Prepared by: Sponsored by:

Craig Gott Craig Gott

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STAFF RFI 6-2: Reference George Freitag's expenses under WP II-E-4.4. Please explain the following:

- a) How the telephone expenses incurred from the Sprint phone line ending in 4799 are relevant to and are reasonable and necessary for this proceeding.
- b) How the expense for the Society of Depreciation Professionals, incurred September 21, 2015 are relevant to and are reasonable and necessary for this proceeding.

RESPONSE:

Careful review of the Cost Center column on the Employee Expense Report, dated 11/2/2015 included in WP II-E-4.4 for George Freitag will show that the expenses for Sprint phone charges and training at the Society of Depreciation Accountants were coded to expense accounts other than Rate Case Expenses. Furthermore, the expenses were incurred outside the test year and were not included in this rate request proceeding.

Prepared by: Sponsored by:

George Freitag George Freitag

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STAFF RFI 6-3: Please provide the number of connections Monarch Utilities I, L.P.

services as of the end of the period for which Monarch requests ratecase expenses associated with this proceeding. Please supplement your response to this question as needed, consistent with the

Commission's rules.

RESPONSE: 24,455 connections as of March 2016.

Prepared by: George Freitag

Sponsored by: George Freitag

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MONARCH'S RESPONSES TO STAFF'S SIXTH REQUESTS FOR INFORMATION

STAFF RFI 6-4: Reference schedule RLT-3 of Lambeth Townsend's testimony. Please

provide timesheets or other billing invoices showing the tasks

performed by Earl Robinson of AUS Consultants, Inc. by hour.

RESPONSE: Please see Attachment Staff RFI 6-4.

Prepared by: Earl Robinson Sponsored by: Earl Robinson

ATTACHMENT STAFF 6-4



Response to Staff RFI 6-4 Apr/29/2016

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RE: Job # 10-0538

<u>Date</u>	<u>Invoice</u>	Consultant	<u>Description</u>	Hours	Invoice Total Hrs.	Rate	Extended	Total Invoice
5/15/2015	138275	Earl M. Robinson	Database-devservice life	<u>5</u>		240	1,200.00	
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5/26/2015	138712	Earl M. Robinson	Meeting & Property Tour	7.5		240	1,800.00	
5/27/2015	138712	Earl M. Robinson	Meeting & Property Tour	<u>7.5</u>		240	<u>1,800.00</u>	
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			Ground Travel		28.00			
		• •	Rental Car		138.60			
		5/27/2015	Auto Rental Fuel		23.60			
		5/27/2015	Garage Parking		30.00			
		5/25/2015	Meals-Cash		8.40			
			Meals-Cash		9.20			
		5/27/2015	Meals-Cash		14.40			
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11/6/2015	140428	Earl M. Robinson	Depr Analysis			220	1,320.00	
11/9/2015	140428	Earl M. Robinson	Report Writing	6		220	1,320.00	
11/10/2015	140428	Earl M. Robinson	Report Writing	6		220	660.00	
11/11/2015	140428		Report Writing	3		220	660.00	
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	140727		Out of Pocket Expenses				<u>19.50</u>	
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RECEIPT

Rental Agreement Number: 522262344 Vehicle Number: 64862081

YOUR INFORMATION

ROBINSON, EARL

WIZARD NUMBER

AVIS DISC.

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PAYMENT METHOD

VERIZONBUSINESS MASTER XX7044

YOUR RENTAL

Picked up CLL MAY 26, 2015@08 00AM Date/Time Returned IAH MAY 27, 2015@03 46PM Date/Time Subcompact Veh Group Veh Charged Intermediate HYUNDAI ACCENT Vehicle Odometer Out 31427 Odometer In 31489 Fuel Reading Full

YOUR VEHICLE CHARGES

YOUR TIME	AND MILEAGE:	108.00
DISCOUNT	10 0	12 00
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YOUR TAXABLE FEES

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YOUR SUBTOTAL TAXABLE SUBTOT	126.00

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TOTAL CHARGES	138.60
NET CHARGES	138.60
YOUR TOTAL DUE:	0.00

PAID ON MASTER XX7044
**CONCESSION RECOVERY FEE

THANK YOU FOR RENTING WITH AVIS

For inquiries or e-receipt visit WWW.AVIS.COM

WELCOME TO SPEEDY STOP #87

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137 22 USD (incl. est. taxes) total.

Room Preferences

This hotel has a smoke free policy

Please Note:

Qualifying Rate ID Required.

Guest Information

Reservation for Earl Robinson

Email: EROBINSON@AUSCONSULTANTS.COM

MasterCard ********7044

Summary of Charges

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Summary of Room Charges	Cost per night per room (USD)
Monday, May 25, 2015 - Tuesday, May 26, 2015 (1 n rate, AAA membership card required)	ight , AAA 121.45
State Cost-Recovery Fee	1.07
Estimated government taxes and fees	14.70
Total for stay (per room)	137.22
Additional Charges	Modifying Your Reservation

Complimentary on-site parking

Changes in taxes or fees implemented after booking will affect the total room price.

Please note that a change in the length or dates of your reservation may result in a rate change.

About this rate

Cancelling Your Reservation

You may cancel your reservation for no charge until May 24, 2015 (1 day[s] before arrival).

Please note that we will assess a fee of 137.22 USD if you must cancel after this

If you have made a prepayment, we will retain all or part of your prepayment. If not, we will charge your credit card.

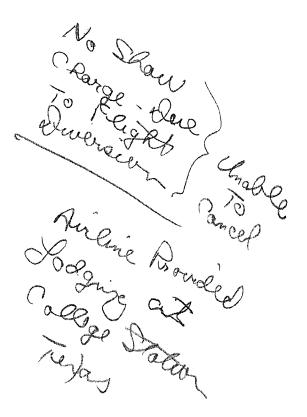
This fee equals 1 night of your room charge plus tax (for the first night of your reservation)



Courtyard Houston Sugar Land

Stafford, TX

I just booked this hotel Who's stayed here before? Any tips?



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ACCOUNT STATEMENT

05/05/2015 For Statement Period Ending:

> AUS CONSULTANTS INC 10160577100000 Account Number:

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Sub Account Name:

Issue Date

04/24/15

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(36.70)

Card Total:

Kim Kidd

From:

Earl Robinson

Sent:

Thursday, May 28, 2015 9:23 AM

To:

Kim Kidd

Subject:

RE: AIR TRAVEL

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Earl M. Robinson, CDP

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From: Kim Kidd

Sent: Wednesday, May 27, 2015 8:26 AM

To: Earl Robinson
Subject: AIR TRAVEL

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I think the air travel charge im asking about is where your traveling now.. looks like departure date was 5/25/15 \$530.70..

ABQ-IAH-DEN-ABQ..

WHO DO I CHARGE FOR THIS?

Thanks Kim