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**KATHY NIELSEN'S REQUEST FOR ALTERNATIVE TO PHYSICAL PRESENCE AT SETTLEMENT  
CONFERENCE SCHEDULED FOR AUGUST 10<sup>TH</sup>, 2016**

TO: Public Utility Commission of Texas, 1701 N. Congress Ave., PO Box 13326, Austin, Texas 78711. Intervenor, Kathy Nielsen, herein requests for an alternative to her physical presence at the Settlement Conference now scheduled for August 10<sup>th</sup>, 2016.

**Definitions:**

"Application" to mean the Application Monarch submitted for the water and sewer rate price increases which is the basis of this PUC Docket No. 45570, SOAH Docket No.473-16-2873.WS.

**Reasons for Request.**

I, Kathy Nielsen, live in Denton County, TX, a minimum 4 hr. drive (each way) to the location of the scheduled Settlement Conference location.

I am 72 yrs. old and drive a 2004 truck which may or may not make it to Austin and back.

--I do not want to get stranded in a dead truck far from my home.

--There are no trains from here to Austin.

--Taking a plane would be not only cost prohibitive, but getting to and from the various airports plus the flight itself would make the overall journey too long to accomplish in one day.

--In years past, I took a 'Megabus' from Dallas to Austin which worked perfectly. However, I have just found out that the Megabus route (Dallas to Austin) no longer exists. !!

--There is a Greyhound bus which stops at Austin. I 'could' drive to the airport, take the local train to Dallas, another bus to the Greyhound terminal, take the Greyhound to Austin (which lets out at Koenig St., walk to the local Austin bus terminal and take a local bus down to 15<sup>th</sup> street and then walk to the SOAH conference room. The problem is that the earliest bus arrives at Austin at 11:45 am and by the time I might get to the conference, it would be 12:30 pm-1:00 pm, and the conference would be ½ over.

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I know that I am only an Intervenor, but I do not want to be excluded from this Application Process just because I do not have the means of being present at a meeting being held far from where I live and I can not afford to make a 3 day trip/hotel stay out of this endeavor.

**Request:**

Is there some alternative to my being physically present at this Mandatory Settlement Conference?

Can I engage in a Skype communication with the meeting? Or some other type of tele-communication?

I could remain in phone and/or computer communication during the entire conference. And if settlement can be reached, David Frederick's office knows me and I think would be agreeable to sign my name to any agreement, should agreement be reached and such authorization be needed.

I believe there is a SOAH office in Fort Worth and I could go there for the day so that communication would be 'easier'?

Or can you suggest another alternative so that I would not have to be dismissed from this Procedure?

Respectfully submitted,



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