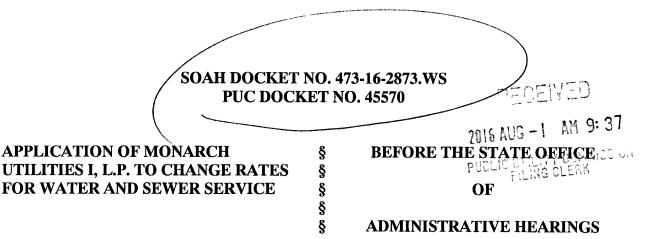


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MONARCH UTILITIES I, L.P. REQUEST	§	BEFORE THE STATE OFFICE
FOR RATE CASE EXPENSES	§	
PERTAINING TO DOCKET NO. 45570	§	OF
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	§	ADMINISTRATIVE HEARINGS

SOAH ORDER NO. 1 GRANTING MOTION TO SEVER RATE CASE EXPENSES AND ESTABLISHING DOCKET FOR RATE CASE EXPENSE PHASE

On July 14, 2016, Monarch Utilities I, L.P. (Monarch) filed a joint motion to sever rate case expenses. Joining in the motion were Commission Staff, and Texans Against Monopolies' Excessive Rates (TAMER). The Office of the Public Utility Counsel (OPUC) did not oppose the motion. As of July 22, 2016, no party has filed an objection to the motion. The joint motion to sever rate case expenses is granted. The issue of rate case expenses is severed from this case and will be addressed in a separate docket as identified in this order.

This order establishes the new Commission and SOAH docket for all issues associated with rate case expenses:

Monarch Utilities I, L.P. Request for Rate Case Expenses Pertaining to Docket No. 45570, SOAH Docket No. 473-16-5251.WS, PUC Docket No. 46216.

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Parties in Docket No. 45570 are presumed to have standing in the new docket. However, any party that intends to participate in such shall file a notice of appearance on or before August 12, 2016.

Subsequent to the Commission's final action in Docket No. 45570, Monarch and the parties participating in the new docket shall confer and Monarch shall file a proposed procedural schedule or, if the parties cannot agree, a request for a prehearing conference.

SIGNED July 29, 2016.

ALO D. POMERLEAU

ADMINISTRATIVE LAW JUDGE

STATE OFFICE OF ADMINISTRATIVE HEARINGS

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