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PUBLIC UTILITY COMMISSION
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**APPLICATION OF CITY OF
PORTLAND TO AMEND ITS
CERTIFICATES OF CONVENIENCE
AND NECESSITY IN SAN PATRICIO
COUNTY**

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**PUBLIC UTILITY COMMISSION
OF TEXAS**

ORDER OF REFERRAL

The Public Utility Commission of Texas (Commission) refers this docket to the State Office of Administrative Hearings (SOAH) and requests the assignment of an administrative law judge (ALJ) to conduct a hearing and issue a proposal for decision, if such is necessary in the event one or more issues are contested by the parties.

In order to develop a list of the issues to be addressed in this docket, as well as any necessary statement of Commission policy, precedent, and/or position on any threshold legal or policy issue(s) relevant to this proceeding City of Portland, shall, and the Commission Staff and any other interested party may, file with the Commission a list of issues to be addressed in the docket by **July 25, 2016**. This pleading may also (1) identify any issue(s) which should not be addressed in the docket, and (2) identify any threshold legal and/or policy issue(s) which should be briefed for purposes of a preliminary order. Specific explanations should support proposals included in the pleading pursuant to (1) and (2). Parties shall not file responses to any pleading submitted in response to this Order, unless specifically requested.

All subsequent pleadings in this docket must contain both the SOAH and PUC docket numbers to allow for efficient processing. Parties shall make filings in accordance with 16 Tex. Admin. Code § 22.71(c) (TAC) regarding the number of copies to be filed or 16 TAC § 22.71(d) regarding the number of confidential items to be provided.

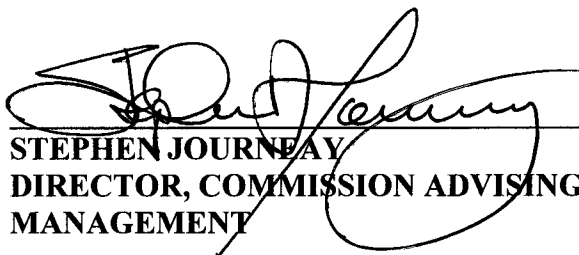
The Commission will issue and provide to SOAH a preliminary order which includes a list of issues and areas that must be addressed in this proceeding, pursuant to Tex. Gov't Code Ann. § 2003.049(e) (West 2008 & Supp. 2015) (APA), and any necessary statement of

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Commission policy, precedent, or position on threshold issues, or combination thereof, relevant to this proceeding, pursuant to APA § 2001.058(c). The Commission will consider and possibly adopt a preliminary order in this docket in the open meeting currently scheduled to convene on **August 18, 2016.**

SIGNED AT AUSTIN, TEXAS the 7th day of July 2016.

PUBLIC UTILITY COMMISSION OF TEXAS


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