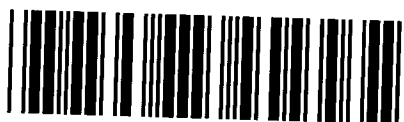


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APPLICATION OF
SOUTHWESTERN PUBLIC SERVICE
COMPANY TO ADJUST ITS ENERGY
EFFICIENCY COST RECOVERY
FACTOR

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BEFORE THE STATE OFFICE OF

PUBLIC UTILITY COMMISSION
FILED CLERK

ADMINISTRATIVE HEARINGS

SOAH ORDER NO. 1
ADOPTING PROCEDURAL SCHEDULE AND PROTECTIVE ORDER, AND
ADDRESSING PREHEARING MATTERS

I. DESCRIPTION OF CASE

On April 29, 2016, Southwestern Public Service Company (SPS) filed an application for approval of its energy efficiency cost recovery factor and other related relief pursuant to 16 Texas Administrative Code § 25.181. On May 3, 2016, the Public Utility Commission of Texas (Commission) referred this case to the State Office of Administrative Hearings (SOAH), requesting the assignment of an Administrative Law Judge (ALJ) to conduct a hearing and issue a proposal for decision, if such is necessary. The Commission will consider this case at its May 19, 2016 open meeting and subsequently issue a preliminary order. SOAH has jurisdiction over matters relating to the conduct of the hearing in this proceeding. Tex. Gov't Code § 2003.049.

II. SCHEDULE

With the application, SPS submitted a proposed procedural schedule, which the ALJ finds appropriate to adopt at this time. Accordingly, the following schedule is hereby adopted and shall govern this proceeding, unless modified by later order of the ALJ:

Action	Deadline
Notice Completed	May 16, 2016
Proof of Notice	May 16, 2016
Deadline to Intervene	June 3, 2016
Deadline to Request a Hearing	June 3, 2016
<i>If Hearing Not Requested</i>	
Staff Recommendation	June 10, 2016
Parties' Proposed Order	June 20, 2016

III. NOTICE OF PREHEARING CONFERENCE

The ALJ will convene a prehearing conference in this docket at **2:00 p.m. on June 7, 2016**, in a SOAH hearing room located on the 4th Floor of the William P. Clements Building, 300 West 15th Street, Austin, Texas. The following matters will be discussed at the prehearing conference: (1) any pending motions; (2) the status of notice; (3) applicable deadlines; (4) a procedural schedule, including a date for the hearing on the merits; and (5) any other matters that may assist in the disposition of the proceeding in a fair and efficient manner.


IV. DISCOVERY AND OTHER PROCEDURAL MATTERS

Discovery may begin immediately pursuant to the provisions of subchapter H of the Commission's procedural rules. All pleadings shall be filed with the Commission's filing clerk, not with the SOAH filing clerk. The Commission's filing clerk will forward a copy of the pleadings to SOAH. If the parties have procedural questions or believe the ALJ should be made aware of a filing in a more immediate manner, they may contact Melissa Ethridge at 512-463-0203. Because this case has a regulatory deadline, unless otherwise specified, responses to any motion or other pleading shall be filed with **three working days** from receipt of the pleading to which the response is made.

V. PROTECTIVE ORDER

The protective order filed as *Exhibit C* to SPS's application is **ADOPTED** and shall apply in this matter.

SIGNED May 4, 2016.


WENDY K. L. HARVEL
ADMINISTRATIVE LAW JUDGE
STATE OFFICE OF ADMINISTRATIVE HEARINGS