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MEETING DATE: November 8, 2018

DATE DELIVERED: November 7, 2018

AGENDA ITEM NO.: 17

CAPTION: Docket No. 46245; SOAH Docket No. 473-17-0119.WS - Application of Double Diamond Utility Company, Inc. for Water and Sewer Rate/Tariff Change

ACTION REQUESTED: Discussion and possible action with respect to Chairman Walker's memorandum

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TO: Chairman DeAnn T. Walker
Commissioner Arthur C. D'Andrea
Commissioner Shelly Botkin

All Parties of Record (*via electronic transmission*)

FROM: Carlos Carrasco *CC*
Commission Advising

RE: *Application of Double Diamond Utility Company, Inc. for Water and Sewer Rate/Tariff Change*, Docket No. 46245, SOAH Docket No. 473-17-0119.WS, November 8, 2018 Open Meeting, Item No. 17.

DATE: November 7, 2018

Please find enclosed a memorandum by Chairman Walker regarding the above-referenced docket. No other commissioner will file a memorandum in this docket.

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Public Utility Commission of Texas

Memorandum

TO: Commissioner Arthur C. D'Andrea
Commissioner Shelly Botkin

FROM: Chairman DeAnn T. Walker 

DATE: November 7, 2018

RE: Open Meeting of November 8, 2018 – Agenda Item No. 17
Docket No. 46245 – *Application of Double Diamond Utility Company, Inc. for Water and Sewer Rate/Tariff Change*

Motions for rehearing were filed in this docket by the White Bluff Ratepayers Group and by Double Diamond Utilities on September 21, 2018 and September 24, 2018, respectively. I recommend that the Commission grant rehearing to address the following matters.

First, I agree with the White Bluff Ratepayers Group regarding how refunds and surcharges in this docket will be calculated and tracked. I recommend amending the order accordingly and also opening a compliance docket to manage this process.

Second, I agree with Double Diamond Utilities that the Commission's order and Double Diamond Utilities' approved tariffs did not treat its grinder-pump costs consistent with the Commission's decision on that issue. Thus, the order should be corrected to properly reflect the Commission's decision.

Finally, while I believe the Commission's decisions contained in the order were correct, I do not believe that the order adequately explained the rationale on every issue. In addition, the lack of specific numbers related to the decisions made the order unclear in some places. Therefore, the order should be improved by elaborating on the rationale for certain decisions, and by identifying specific amounts for certain disallowances, rate of return components, and amounts related to Double Diamond Utilities' revenue requirement.

I look forward to discussing this matter with you at the open meeting.