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**APPLICATION OF J&S WATER
COMPANY, LLC FOR A
RATE/TARIFF CHANGE**

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**BEFORE THE STATE OFFICE
OF
ADMINISTRATIVE HEARINGS**

PUBLIC UTILITY COMMISSION
FILING CLERK

**SOAH ORDER NO. 1
DESCRIPTION OF CASE, REQUIRING PARTIES TO CONFER,
AND GENERAL PROCEDURAL REQUIREMENTS**

I. DESCRIPTION OF CASE

On October 13, 2016, J&S Water Company, LLC (J&S Water) filed with the Public Utility Commission of Texas (Commission) an application for a Class B rate/tariff change for water and sewer service under Certificate of Convenience and Necessity (CCN) Nos. 12085 and 20658 (the Application).

Commission Order No. 3 (issued by a Commission Administrative Law Judge (ALJ) on January 23, 2017) found the Application sufficient and suspended the rate change effective date of April 1, 2017 for 265 days. Staff has requested a hearing in this matter.

On January 26, 2017, as recommended by Staff, in its Order of Referral the Commission referred this case to the State Office of Administrative Hearings (SOAH), requesting the assignment of a SOAH ALJ to conduct a hearing and issue a proposal for decision, if such is necessary. The order also states that the Commission will consider and possibly adopt at an open meeting currently scheduled for March 9, 2017, a preliminary order that includes a list of issues in this case and any necessary statement of Commission policy, precedent, or position on threshold issues.

The Commission has jurisdiction in this matter pursuant to Code §§ 13.041, 13.042(e), 13.181-185, and 13.1871 and 16 Texas Administrative Code § 24.22. SOAH has jurisdiction over matters in this case relating to the conduct of the hearing and issuance of a proposal for decision, if needed, pursuant to Texas Government Code § 2003.049.

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II. NUMBER OF PROTESTS


Ratepayers have continued to file protests after this case was referred to SOAH. Pursuant to the proposed notice filed by the utility on January 10, 2017, it appears that at least 64 ratepayers are required to protest the Application in order to meet the 10% threshold. On or before **February 10, 2017**, Staff shall notify the ALJ whether the 10% threshold has been met.

IV. GENERAL PROCEDURAL REQUIREMENTS

All Commission filings are available for viewing and downloading from the Commission's website at <http://www.puc.texas.gov/>. Once there, click "Filings," then "Filings Search," then click "Filings Search" again, then type in the control number 46438 and press "enter." A list of documents filed in this docket will appear and those documents (with a few exceptions such as confidential documents) can be accessed by clicking on the document number.

The Commission's procedural rules are available on the Commission's website (<http://www.puc.texas.gov/agency/rulesnlaws/procrules/Procedural.aspx>). The procedural rules will govern the conduct of this case, and the parties are expected to comply with those rules.

SIGNED February 2, 2017.



LILLO D. POMERLEAU
ADMINISTRATIVE LAW JUDGE
STATE OFFICE OF ADMINISTRATIVE HEARINGS