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APPLICATION OF J&S WATER § BEFORE THE STATE OFFICE
COMPANY, LLC FOR A § OF
RATE/TARIFF CHANGE § ADMINISTRATIVE HEARINGS

SOAH ORDER NO. 2
DESCRIPTION OF CASE AND NOTICE OF PREHEARING CONFERENCE

This case has been reassigned to the undersigned Administrative Law Judge (ALJ).

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). On January 23, 2017, a Commission ALJ found the Application sufficient and suspended the rate change effective date of April 1, 2017 for 265 days. The Commission's staff (Staff) requested a hearing. On January 26, 2017, the Commission referred this case to the State Office of Administrative Hearings (SOAH). On February 10, 2017, Staff filed a pleading indicating that 10% of J&S Water's ratepayers have filed a protest. Thus, pursuant to Texas Water Code § 13.1871(i), this matter must be set for a hearing.

II. NOTICE OF PREHEARING CONFERENCE

The undersigned ALJ will convene the prehearing conference at **10:00 a.m., on March 21, 2017, at the offices of SOAH, 300 West 15th Street, 4th Floor, Austin, Texas.**¹ At the prehearing conference, the parties should be prepared to discuss any procedural matters, any pending motions including notice, motions to intervene, the procedural schedule (including hearing dates), and any other relevant matters that will aid in an efficient and fair hearing.


¹ Because the ALJ cannot predict the number of people who might want to participate in the prehearing conference by telephone, the ALJ will not make arrangements for participation by telephone.

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At least 20 days before the prehearing conference, J&S Water **SHALL** provide notice of the prehearing conference to the governing body of each affected municipality and county and to each ratepayer as though the requirements in Texas Water Code § 13.1871(m)-(n) and 16 Texas Administrative Code § 24.22(d)(2) relating to notice of the hearing applied to the prehearing conference. In addition, the notice **SHALL** include notification of: (1) the intervention deadline established below; and (2) the fact that persons who want to participate in this case as a party (*i.e.*, intervene) are required to move to intervene as described below and that previous submission of a protest does not meet that requirement. Before providing notice, J&S Water shall consult with Staff regarding the notice to be provided. J&S Water **SHALL** file **no later than March 15, 2017**, proof that it provided the required notice.

Persons wanting to intervene in this case shall do so either (1) by **filing by no later than March 17, 2017**, a motion to intervene in this case in compliance with the Commission's procedural rules; or (2) **orally at the March 21, 2017 prehearing conference**.

SIGNED February 15, 2017.



ELIZABETH DREWS
ADMINISTRATIVE LAW JUDGE
STATE OFFICE OF ADMINISTRATIVE HEARINGS