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**APPLICATION OF SUBURBAN
UTILITY COMPANY, INC. FOR
AUTHORITY TO CHANGE RATES**

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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 December 29, 2017, Suburban Utility Company, Inc. (Suburban) filed with the Public Utility Commission of Texas (Commission) an application for a Class B rate/tariff change for water service under Certificate of Convenience and Necessity (CCN) No. 10835 (the Application).

Commission Order No. 4 (issued by a Commission Administrative Law Judge (ALJ) on January 31, 2017, found the Application sufficient and suspended the rate change effective date of February 3, 2017 for 265 days. Staff has requested a hearing in this matter.

On February 1, 2017, 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.

II. REQUIRING PARTIES TO CONFER

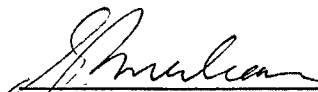
The parties are instructed to confer concerning a proposed intervention deadline and prehearing conference date and, **on or before February 10, 2017**, Commission Staff shall propose three different dates for an initial prehearing conference in this matter and a proposed intervention deadline, keeping in mind that, at least 20 days before the prehearing, the utility will need to provide notice of the prehearing conference and a deadline to intervene (likely the same day as the prehearing conference) to its ratepayers and the governing body of any affected municipality and county. 16 Texas Administrative Code § 24.22(d)(2). Suburban shall also consult with Commission Staff concerning the proper notice of the prehearing conference.

III. 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 46674 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 8, 2017.



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