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

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COMMISSION STAFF'S RESPONSE TO SOAH ORDER NO. 1

Commission Staff (Staff) of the Public Utility Commission of Texas (Commission) files its Response to SOAH Order No. 1. In support of its Response to SOAH Order No. 1, Staff states the following:

I. Background

Suburban Utility Company, Inc. (Suburban Utility) serves less than ten thousand (10,000) connections and, thus is a Class B utility under the Texas Water Code.¹ On December 29, 2016, Suburban Utility initiated this proceeding for Commission approval of a proposed increase in its water rates for its Cypress Bend, Beaumont Place, and Reservoir Acres subdivisions. In sum, Suburban Utility seeks an increase of \$121,834 in its revenue requirement, with the total revenue requirement being \$598,716. Suburban Utility proposes February 3, 2017 as the effective date. As part of its filing, Suburban Utility submitted an affidavit regarding notice of its rate increases. Suburban Utility provided to its customers a notice of its rate increases on December 28, 2016.

On February 1, 2017, the Commission referred this proceeding to the State Office of Administrative Hearings (SOAH). Subsequently, on February 8, 2017, SOAH issued SOAH Order No. 1. SOAH Order No. 1 requires Staff, the Office of Public Utility Counsel (OPUC), and Suburban Utility to confer about dates for a pre-hearing conference and deadlines to intervene and file a response by February 10, 2017. Staff's Response to SOAH Order No. 1 is timely filed.

II. Proposed Dates

Staff has conferred with OPUC and Suburban Utility, and Staff offers the following dates

¹ See Tex. Water Code § 13.002(4-b) (defining a "Class B utility" as "a public utility that provides retail water or sewer utility service through 500 or more taps or connections but fewer than 10,000 taps or connections.").

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for a pre-hearing conference: March 27, 2017, March 28, 2017, and March 29, 2017. Additionally, Staff offers the same dates for the deadline to intervene.

III. Conclusion

Staff offers March 27, 2017, March 28, 2017, and March 29, 2017 as dates for the pre-hearing conference and as dates for the deadline to intervene.

Date: February 10, 2017

Respectfully Submitted,

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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I certify that a copy of this document was served on all parties of record on February 10, 2017, in accordance with 16 TAC § 22.74.

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