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**CITY OF HOWARDWICK
RATEPAYERS' APPEAL OF THE
DECISION OF THE RED RIVER
AUTHORITY OF TEXAS' DECISION
AFFECTING WATER AND SEWER
RATES**

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**ORDER NO. 1
REQUIRING RESPONSES AND
ADDRESSING OTHER PROCEDURAL MATTERS**

I. Petition

On December 28, 2016, ratepayers of the City of Howardwick that reside within the City, filed a petition appealing the decision of the Red River Authority of Texas, Howardwick's franchisee, to increase water and sewer rates effective October 1, 2016.

II. Requiring Comments on the Administrative Completeness of Petition

Commission Staff shall file comments on the administrative completeness of the petition by January 30, 2017.¹

III. Requesting Procedural Schedule

By January 30, 2017, the City and Commission Staff shall file comments on how this petition should be processed and propose a procedural schedule.

IV. Filing Requirements

Responsive pleadings are governed by 16 TAC § 22.78. Unless otherwise specified, responses or replies to any motion or other pleading shall be filed within five working days after the date on which the motion or other pleading was received by the responding party. Failure to file a timely response will be considered acquiescence to the relief requested.

¹ 16 Texas Administrative Code § 24.8(a) (TAC).

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All parties shall provide their current addresses, telephone and facsimile numbers, if available, to all other parties and the Commission by filing and serving all parties with such information. Each party shall provide the Commission and all parties with updated address, telephone, and facsimile information if such information changes. The telephone and facsimile numbers will be placed on the service list for the convenience of the parties. Parties are responsible for updating their own service lists to reflect changed information and the addition of any other parties.

Unless otherwise specified, an original and ten copies of documents relating to this proceeding must be filed with the Commission filing clerk.² A copy of each document filed with the Commission must also be served on all parties.³

Ex parte communications with the administrative law judge and presiding officer are prohibited.⁴ Parties shall communicate only through written documents filed with the Commission's Filing Clerk and served on all parties. Questions concerning this Order or any other order must be submitted in writing, filed with the Commission, and served on all parties of record.

Signed at Austin, Texas the 6th day of January 2017.

PUBLIC UTILITY COMMISSION OF TEXAS


SUSAN E. GOODSON
ADMINISTRATIVE LAW JUDGE

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² 16 TAC § 22.71.

³ 16 TAC § 22.74.

⁴ 16 TAC § 22.3(b)(2).