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WATER SYSTEMS, LLC FOR §  
AUTHORITY TO CHANGE RATES §

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**SOAH ORDER NO. 1  
DESCRIPTION OF CASE, GENERAL PROCEDURAL REQUIREMENTS,  
AND GRANTING MOTION TO ABATE**

**I. DESCRIPTION OF CASE**

On July 3, 2017, Kerr County Water Systems, LLC (Applicant), filed with the Public Utility Commission of Texas (Commission) an application for a rate/tariff change (Application) under Water Certificate of Convenience and Necessity (CCN) No. 13166 in Kerr County, Texas. Applicant is a Class B utility, which provides service to approximately 78 connections. Applicant's proposed effective date of the rate increase was August 1, 2017.

On July 10, 2017, the Commission's Administrative Law Judge (ALJ) issued Order No. 1, requiring Public Utility Commission staff (Staff) to comment on the sufficiency of the application. On August 3, 2017, Staff filed its recommendation regarding sufficiency of the application and found it sufficient and that the effective date should be changed from August 1, 2017, to August 6, 2017. On August 7, 2017, the Commission's ALJ issued Order No. 2 finding the application administratively complete and changing the effective date to August 6, 2017. On September 22, 2017, Staff filed a request to suspend the effective date of the Applicant's rate increase for 265 days, pursuant to 16 Texas Administrative Code § 24.26(a). On September 25, 2017, the Commission ALJ issued Order No. 3, suspending the effective date of Applicant's rate application for not more than 265 days.

On December 4, 2017, the Commission referred this case to the State Office of Administrative Hearings (SOAH) for hearing, if necessary.

**II. JURISDICTION**

The Commission has jurisdiction over this matter pursuant to Texas Water Code §§ 13.041, 13.181, 13.1871, and 13.1872. 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.

### III. GENERAL PROCEDURAL REQUIREMENTS

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(<http://www.puc.texas.gov/agency/rulesnlaws/procrules/Procedural.aspx>).

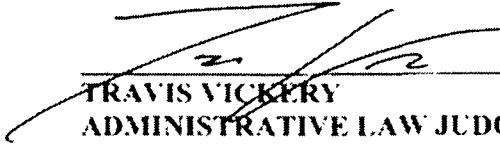
The procedural rules will govern the conduct of this case, and the parties are expected to comply with those rules. Routine procedural and logistical questions may be directed to the undersigned ALJ's administrative assistant Melissa Ethridge at: [melissa.ethridge@soah.texas.gov](mailto:melissa.ethridge@soah.texas.gov).

Note that SOAH support personnel may not provide any legal advice to the parties.

### IV. GRANTING MOTION TO ABATE

On December 5, 2017, Staff filed a Motion to Abate this proceeding to develop a settlement with the Applicant. The motion is granted and this case is abated until **January 19, 2018**, by which Staff shall file a status report or other motion, as dictated by circumstances.

**SIGNED December 7, 2017.**

  
TRAVIS VICKERY  
ADMINISTRATIVE LAW JUDGE  
STATE OFFICE OF ADMINISTRATIVE HEARINGS