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**RATEPAYERS' APPEAL OF THE
DECISION BY KEMPNER WATER
SUPPLY CORPORATION
TO CHANGE RATES**

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BEFORE THE STATE OFFICE

PUBLIC UTILITY COMMISSION
FILING CLERK

OF

ADMINISTRATIVE HEARINGS

**SOAH ORDER NO. 1
DESCRIPTION OF CASE, SCHEDULING PREHEARING CONFERENCE,
AND GENERAL PROCEDURAL REQUIREMENTS**

I. DESCRIPTION OF CASE

On May 17, 2017, ratepayers (Ratepayers) of Kempner Water Supply Corporation (Kempner WSC), filed with the Public Utility Commission of Texas (Commission) a petition appealing the decision of Kempner WSC to increase water rates effective April 1, 2017.

The Public Utility Commission of Texas (Commission) has jurisdiction pursuant to Texas Water Code § 13.043(b)(1) and (c). On June 14, 2017, the Commission referred this case to the State Office of Administrative Hearings (SOAH), requesting the assignment of an administrative law judge (ALJ) to conduct a hearing and issue a proposal for decision, if such is necessary. SOAH has jurisdiction over matters relating to the conduct of the hearing in this proceeding under Texas Government Code § 2003.049. The Commission will consider and possibly adopt a preliminary order in this docket in the open meeting currently scheduled to convene on July 28, 2017.

II. SCHEDULING OF PREHEARING CONFERENCE

The ALJ finds it is appropriate to have an initial prehearing conference. Thus, the ALJ will convene a prehearing conference at 10:00 a.m., on Thursday, August 10, 2017, at the State Office of Administrative Hearings, 300 West 15th Street, 4th Floor, Austin, Texas. Those attending the prehearing are advised that they must check in with building security

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personnel in the lobby of the William P. Clements Building and be issued visitor badges before proceeding to the hearing room. The parties should allow sufficient time for the check-in procedure.

At the prehearing conference, the ALJ will address a procedural and discovery schedule, a hearing on the merits date(s), adequate notice, and any other issues that will assist in the fair disposition of this case.

III. GENERAL PROCEDURAL REQUIREMENTS

All Commission filings are available for viewing and downloading from the Commission's website at <http://interchange.puc.state.tx.us>. Once there, click "Filings Search" and type in the control number 47182 and press "enter." A list of documents filed in this docket will appear and you may access those documents by clicking on the document number.

The Commission's procedural rules are available at the Commission's website (www.puc.state.tx.us). The procedural rules will govern the conduct of this case, and the ALJ expects the parties to comply with those rules, including ensuring that the appropriate number of copies are delivered to the Commission for filing by 3:00 p.m. on the date any such filing is due. Any questions about the rules or procedures may be directed to Commission Staff. Parties should be aware that Staff represents the public interest and may take a position different from either the Ratepayers or Kempner WSC.

SIGNED June 21, 2017.



HOLLY VANDROVEC
ADMINISTRATIVE LAW JUDGE
STATE OFFICE OF ADMINISTRATIVE HEARINGS