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**RATEPAYERS' APPEAL OF THE
DECISION BY WEST WISE SPECIAL
UTILITY DISTRICT TO CHANGE
RATES**

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BEFORE THE STATE OFFICE

OF

ADMINISTRATIVE HEARINGS

SOAH ORDER NO. 3
REFERRING CASE FOR EVALUATION

On September 18, 2017, the Administrative Law Judge (ALJ) convened a prehearing conference in this case. At the conference, the parties indicated that the services of a SOAH mediator could be beneficial to resolving the issues in this case. Accordingly, the ALJ has determined that this case should be evaluated to determine whether a formal mediation should occur on November 17, 2017, and if the mediator/evaluator finds it appropriate, the parties should participate in mediation.

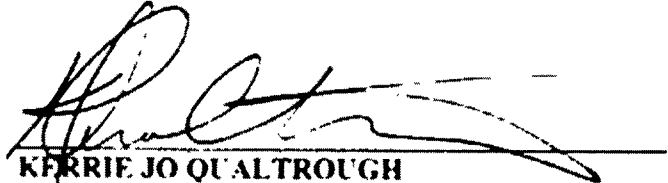
IT IS, THEREFORE, ORDERED:

1. This case is hereby referred to SOAH's Alternative Dispute Resolution Team Leader, ALJ Howard S. Seitzman, for appointment of a mediator and a period of evaluation and/or mediation. With the issuance of this Order, the official file in this case is transferred to Judge Seitzman. The mediator/evaluator will be contacting the parties directly.
2. If the mediator/evaluator determines that mediation should be tried, the mediator will schedule the mediation for November 17, 2017, unless the parties agree otherwise.
3. If the mediator/evaluator schedules a mediation, the parties are ordered to appear at the mediation with a party representative who has full settlement authority for this matter.
4. The procedural schedule adopted in SOAH Order No. 2 remains in effect during this period of evaluation/mediation.

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5. The case shall be returned to the presiding ALJ by November 18, 2017, unless extended by order of the presiding ALJ.

SIGNED September 19, 2017.



KERRIE JO QUALTROUGH
ADMINISTRATIVE LAW JUDGE
STATE OFFICE OF ADMINISTRATIVE HEARINGS