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Re: Mediation, SOAH Docket No. 473-17-5910.WS, PUC Docket No. 47288,
*Ratepayers' Appeal of the Decision by West Wise Special Utility District to
Change Rates*

Dear Parties:

This case has been referred to mediation and Administrative Law Judges (ALJs)/ Mediators Holly Vandrovec and I have been assigned as co-mediators.¹ Your confidence in our ability to serve as impartial mediators is important to the process. If you have any concerns, please immediately contact ALJ Howard Seitzman, Alternative Dispute Resolution Team Leader. His direct telephone number is (512) 936-0701. A description of mediation at the State

¹ Our biographies are available upon request.

Office of Administrative Hearings (SOAH) is available on SOAH's website at <http://www.soah.texas.gov/about-us/mediations/index.asp>.

With the agreement of all parties, the mediation in this case will take place at **9 a.m. on October 18, 2017, at the offices of Jackson Walker, L.L.P., 100 Congress Ave., Suite 1100, Austin, Texas.**

We will have read many of the public filings in this case. If you would like to do so, you have the option of submitting to us other written pre-mediation documents to help familiarize us with the case prior to the mediation.² *If you choose to submit pre-mediation documents, you may do so by e-mail, fax, electronic media, or hard copy. Please carefully follow these instructions when submitting the documents:*

- (1) DO NOT SUBMIT DOCUMENTS TO THE PRESIDING ALJ.**
- (2) DOCUMENTS SUBMITTED SHOULD BE CLEARLY MARKED AS CONFIDENTIAL.**
- (3) IF YOU FAX THE DOCUMENTS, PLEASE FAX THEM TO CO-MEDIATORS ELIZABETH DREWS AND HOLLY VANDROVEC AT (512) 936-0730, AND CONTACT SOAH ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT ERIN HURLEY AT (512) 475-3419 SHORTLY BEFORE YOU TRANSMIT THE FAX, SO THAT SHE WILL KNOW TO CHECK THE FAX MACHINE.**
- (4) IF THE DOCUMENTS ARE DELIVERED TO SOAH'S DOCKETING OFFICE, THEY SHOULD BE ENCLOSED IN A SEALED ENVELOPE, CLEARLY MARKED "CONFIDENTIAL MEDIATION INFORMATION," WITH THE DOCKET NUMBER AND THE CO-MEDIATORS' NAMES CLEARLY DISPLAYED ON THE ENVELOPE.**

² Written pre-mediation documents are not required, but you are free to submit them if you feel it would be helpful.

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We wish you success in your efforts to reach common ground. If you have any questions, you may call Elizabeth Drews at (512) 936-0725 or Holly Vandrovec at (512) 475-2417.

Sincerely,

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Elizabeth Drews
Administrative Law Judge/Mediator

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Holly Vandrovec". The script is cursive and fluid, with the first name and last name clearly legible.

Holly Vandrovec
Administrative Law Judge

cc: ALJ Howard Seitzman, ADR Team Leader