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APPLICATION OF BOLIVAR  
UTILITY SERVICES, LLC FOR  
AUTHORITY TO CHANGE SEWER  
RATES

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BEFORE THE STATE OFFICE  
PUBLIC UTILITY COMMISSION  
OF

ADMINISTRATIVE HEARINGS

SOAH ORDER NO. 2  
MEMORIALIZING PREHEARING CONFERENCE, DENYING MOTION TO  
REMAND, ADOPTING PROCEDURAL SCHEDULE, AND NOTICE OF HEARING

I. MEMORIALIZING PREHEARING CONFERENCE

A prehearing conference was held on February 21, 2018. Bolivar Utility Services, LLC (Applicant) was represented by Helen Gilbert and Randall Wilburn. The staff (Staff) of the Public Utility Commission of Texas (Commission) was represented by Richard Nemer. No motions to intervene were filed, and no oral motions to intervene were made.

II. DENYING MOTION TO REMAND

At the prehearing conference, Applicant moved to deem the prehearing conference to be an informal hearing under Texas Water Code § 13.1871(l) and to remand the matter to the Commission. Staff objected to this motion because of issues with Applicant's application and noted that it had requested a referral for a hearing. Because there are issues that remain to be resolved—even though those issues are from Staff, not an intervenor—Applicant's motion is DENIED.

III. ADOPTING AGREED PROCEDURAL SCHEDULE

At the prehearing conference, The parties agreed to the following procedural schedule, which is hereby adopted:

Event	Deadline
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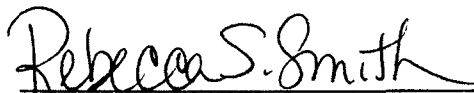
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<b>Event</b>	<b>Deadline</b>
Initial Prehearing Conference	February 21, 2018
Applicant's Direct Testimony	March 30, 2018
Objections to Applicant's Direct Testimony	April 6, 2018
Replies to Objections to Applicant's Direct Testimony	April 13, 2018
Staff's Direct Testimony	April 13, 2018
Objections to Staff's Direct Testimony	April 20, 2018
Deadline to Serve Discovery on Staff's Testimony	April 27, 2018
Replies to Objections to Staff's Direct Testimony	April 27, 2018
Deadline to Serve Discovery on Applicant's Direct Testimony	April 30, 2018
Applicant's Rebuttal Testimony	May 2, 2018
Settlement Conference	May 8, 2018
Objections to Applicant's Rebuttal Testimony	May 9, 2018
Deadline to Serve Discovery on Applicant's Rebuttal Testimony	May 10, 2018
Replies to Objections to Applicant's Rebuttal Testimony	May 16, 2018
<b>Hearing on the Merits</b>	<b>May 31- June 1, 2018</b>
Initial Post-Hearing Briefs	June 20, 2018
Reply Briefs/Record Close Date	June 29, 2018
Commission Deadline	October 15, 2018

#### IV. NOTICE OF HEARING ON THE MERITS

The hearing on the merits is set to begin at **9:00 a.m. on May 31, 2018, at the State Office of Administrative Hearings, 300 West 15<sup>th</sup> Street, 4<sup>th</sup> Floor, Austin, Texas.** The hearing is expected to last two days.

**SIGNED February 21, 2018.**

  
REBECCA S. SMITH  
ADMINISTRATIVE LAW JUDGE  
STATE OFFICE OF ADMINISTRATIVE HEARINGS