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PETITION OF THE CITIES OF GARLAND, MESQUITE, PLANO AND RICHARDSON APPEALING THE DECISION BY NORTH TEXAS MUNICIPAL WATER DISTRICT AFFECTING 2018 WHOLESALE WATER RATES	§ § § § § § §	BEFORE THE STATE OFFICE OF ADMINISTRATIVE HEARINGS
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**SOAH ORDER NO. 1
CASE DESCRIPTION; NOTICE OF PREHEARING CONFERENCE;
GRANTING MOTIONS TO INTERVENE; AND FILING REQUIREMENTS**

I. CASE DESCRIPTION

On December 15, 2017, the cities of Garland, Mesquite, Plano and Richardson (Cities) filed a petition appealing the North Texas Municipal Water District's (District) wholesale water rates (Petition) pursuant to Texas Water Code § 13.043(f) and 16 Texas Administrative Code §§ 24.128-.138. The Petition challenges the District's decision affecting the amount to be paid for wholesale water service that was effective on September 29, 2017, and alleges that the rates charged are unreasonably preferential, prejudicial, or discriminatory, and adversely affect the public interest.

On January 22, 2018, the Public Utility Commission of Texas (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 pursuant to Texas Government Code § 2003.049. The Commission will consider and possibly adopt a preliminary order in this docket during the open meeting currently scheduled for February 15, 2018. The Commission has jurisdiction pursuant to Texas Water Code § 13.043.

II. NOTICE OF PREHEARING CONFERENCE

The ALJs will convene a prehearing conference in this case on **March 27, 2018, at 10:00 a.m.** at the **William P. Clements State Office Building, 300 West 15th Street, Austin, Texas.**

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III. GRANTING MOTIONS TO INTERVENE

Motions to intervene were filed by the city of McKinney on January 25, 2018; by the cities of Rockwall, Frisco, Forney, and Royse City on January 26, 2018; and by the cities of Allen, Farmersville, Princeton, and Wylie on January 30, 2018 (together, the “Intervening Cities”). No responses were filed to the motions. The Intervening Cities’ motions to intervene are **GRANTED**.

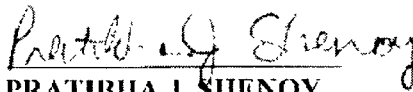
IV. FILING REQUIREMENTS

All pleadings shall be filed with the Commission’s filing clerk, not with the SOAH filing clerk. The Commission’s filing clerk will forward a copy of the pleadings to SOAH. The parties may contact Tujuana Tate, ALJ Vandrovec’s assistant at 512-475-2241 or tjuana.tate@soah.texas.gov, with any procedural questions.

SIGNED February 7, 2018.



HOLLY VANDROVEC
ADMINISTRATIVE LAW JUDGE
STATE OFFICE OF ADMINISTRATIVE HEARINGS



PRATIBHA J. SHENOY
ADMINISTRATIVE LAW JUDGE
STATE OFFICE OF ADMINISTRATIVE HEARINGS