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**APPLICATION OF LIBERTY
UTILITIES (SILVERLEAF) LLC FOR
AUTHORITY TO CHANGE WATER
AND SEWER RATES**

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BEFORE THE STATE OFFICE
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ADMINISTRATIVE HEARINGS
PUBLIC UTILITY COMMISSION
CLERK

**SOAH ORDER NO. 4
RULING ON SUFFICIENCY OF APPLICATION; SUSPENDING EFFECTIVE DATE**

I. RULING ON SUFFICIENCY OF APPLICATION


Order No. 1 found that Liberty Utilities (Silverleaf) LLC's (Liberty Silverleaf) application was administratively incomplete and insufficient for filing and required Liberty Silverleaf to cure the deficiencies by May 18, 2018. Staff was to then review the revised filing and file comments no later than June 18, 2018. Both parties complied with the obligation imposed by Order No. 1 and, as a result, on June 8, 2018, Staff filed recommending that the application be found administratively complete and sufficient.

The ALJ finds that, consistent with Staff's recommendation, the application is administratively complete and sufficient for filing, effective as of the date of this order.

II. SUSPENDING EFFECTIVE DATE OF RATES

Under 16 Texas Administrative Code § 24.26(a)(2), a rate change application filed pursuant to Texas Water Code § 13.1871 may be suspended for not more than 265 days from the date the proposed rates would otherwise be effective. Under Order No. 1, the ALJ suspended the effective date of the rate change until a properly completed application is accepted and a proper statement of intent is filed, as indicated by an order issued by the ALJ, which is this order. Accordingly, the ALJ now suspends the effective date of the rates proposed by Liberty Silverleaf until 265 days following the date of this order, or March 4, 2019.

SIGNED June 12, 2018


**STEVEN D. ARNOLD
ADMINISTRATIVE LAW JUDGE
STATE OFFICE OF ADMINISTRATIVE HEARINGS**