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RATEPAYERS' APPEAL OF THE  
DECISION BY GALVESTON COUNTY  
MUNICIPAL UTILITY DISTRICT  
NO. 12 TO CHANGE RATES

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BEFORE THE STATE OFFICE  
FILING CLERK  
OF  
ADMINISTRATIVE HEARINGS

**SOAH ORDER NO. 2  
ADOPTION OF PROCEDURAL SCHEDULE AND SETTING HEARING**

**I. FILING DESCRIPTION**

On January 1, 2018, 207 ratepayers (Ratepayers) represented by Omega Bay Improvement Committee filed a petition appealing the decision of the Galveston County Municipal Utility District No. 12 (MUD) to increase water and wastewater rates. The MUD announced the rate increase in a letter dated December 22, 2017, with an effective date starting with the December 2017 invoice. The Ratepayers represent at least 10 percent of those ratepayers whose rates have been changed and are therefore eligible to appeal the change to the Public Utility Commission of Texas (Commission), which has jurisdiction to hear the appeal and set the rates, under Texas Water Code § 13.043.


The Commission issued an Order of Referral on March 26, 2018, referring the case to the State Office of Administrative Hearings for assignment of an Administrative Law Judge (ALJ) to conduct a hearing. The Commission adopted a preliminary order on April 27, 2018.

**II. SETTING HEARING AND ADOPTING PROCEDURAL SCHEDULE**

**The hearing on the merits will convene at 9:00 a.m., on October 2, 2018, at the State Office of Administrative Hearings, 300 West 15th Street, 4th Floor, Austin, Texas. It is set for three days.** The parties submitted an agreed procedural schedule with proposed hearing dates. The schedule is adopted as follows:

<b>EVENT</b>	<b>DEADLINE</b>
Galveston County Municipal District Direct Testimony	June 4, 2018
Objections to Galveston County Municipal District Direct Testimony	June 11, 2018
Replies to Objections to Galveston County Municipal District Direct Testimony	June 18, 2018
Appealing Ratepayer Direct Testimony or statement of Position	July 2, 2018
Objections to Appealing Ratepayer Direct Testimony or statement of Position	July 9, 2018
Replies to Objections to Appealing Ratepayer Direct Testimony or statement of Position	July 16, 2018
Staff Direct Testimony	August 2, 2018
Objections to Staff Direct Testimony	August 9, 2018
Replies to Objections to Staff Direct Testimony	August 16, 2018
Galveston County Municipal District Rebuttal Testimony	August 23, 2018
Objections to Galveston County Municipal District Rebuttal Testimony	August 30, 2018
Written Requests for Discovery	September 6, 2018
Replies to Objections to Galveston County Municipal District Rebuttal Testimony	September 6, 2018
Identification of Witnesses that will be subject to Cross-Examination at the Hearing on the Merits	September 20, 2018
Hearing on the Merits	<b>October 2-4, 2018 at 9:00 a.m.</b>

**SIGNED May 1, 2018.**

  
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JOANNE SUMMERHAYS  
ADMINISTRATIVE LAW JUDGE  
STATE OFFICE OF ADMINISTRATIVE HEARINGS