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

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PUBLIC UTILITY COMMISSION
OF TEXAS

ORDER OF REFERRAL

The Public Utility Commission of Texas refers this docket to the State Office of Administrative Hearings (SOAH) and requests the assignment of an administrative law judge (ALJ) to conduct a hearing and issue a proposal for decision if necessary to resolve any issues that are contested by the parties.

Under Texas Water Code § 13.043, the Commission has jurisdiction to hear an appeal and set the rates of certain entities if it receives a petition for review that has been signed by the lesser of 10,000 or 10% of the ratepayers whose rates have been changed and who are eligible to appeal the change.¹ Over 10% of the eligible ratepayers have signed the petition to appeal the rates in this proceeding.

In order to develop a list of issues to be addressed in this docket, as well as any necessary statement of Commission policy, precedent, or position on any threshold legal or policy issues relevant to this proceeding, The ratepayers of Galveston County Municipal Utility District No. 12 and Galveston County Municipal Utility District No. 12, shall, and the Commission Staff and any other interested party may, file with the Commission a list of issues to be addressed in the docket by **April 5, 2018**. This pleading may also identify any issues that should not be addressed in the docket, and identify any threshold legal and policy issues that should be briefed for purposes of a preliminary order. Specific explanations should support any such issues identified in the pleading. Parties shall not file responses to any pleading submitted in response to this order, unless specifically requested.

¹ Tex. Water Code § 13.043(c).

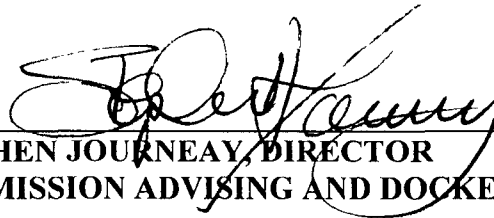
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All subsequent pleadings in this docket must contain both the SOAH and PUC docket numbers to allow for efficient processing. Parties shall make filings in accordance with 16 Texas Administrative Code (TAC) § 22.71(c) regarding the number of copies to be filed or 16 TAC § 22.71(d) regarding the number of confidential items to be provided.

The Commission will issue and provide to SOAH a preliminary order that includes a list of issues and areas that must be addressed in this proceeding, as required by Texas Government Code § 2003.049(e) and any necessary statement of Commission policy, precedent, or position on threshold issues, or combination thereof, relevant to this proceeding, as required by Texas Government Code § 2001.058(c). The Commission will consider and possibly adopt a preliminary order in this docket in the open meeting currently scheduled to convene on **April 27, 2018**.

SIGNED AT AUSTIN, TEXAS the 26th day of March, 2018.

PUBLIC UTILITY COMMISSION OF TEXAS

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Stephen Journey", is written over a horizontal line. The signature is stylized and cursive.

**STEPHEN JOURNEY, DIRECTOR
COMMISSION ADVISING AND DOCKET MANAGEMENT**