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APPLICATION OF SOUTHERN UTILITIES COMPANY FOR A MINOR TARIFF CHANGE FOR NEW FEDERAL TAX CHANGE CREDIT RIDER	§ § § § § § §	PUBLIC UTILITY COMMISSION OF TEXAS	2018 JUL -9 AM 10:34 PUBLIC UTILITY COMMISSION FILING CLERK
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COMMISSION STAFF'S RECOMMENDATION ON SUFFICIENCY

COMES NOW the Staff of the Public Utility Commission of Texas (Staff), representing the public interest and files this Recommendation on Sufficiency and would show the following:

I. BACKGROUND

On June 8, 2018, Southern Utilities Company (Southern) filed an Application for a minor tariff change for a new federal tax change credit rider (FTCCR) to provide a credit to Southern's customers effective for bills rendered on or after August 1, 2018. Southern developed the FTCCR as a means to pass estimated savings from the corporate income tax rate reduction to customers resulting from the federal Tax Cuts and Jobs Act of 2017.

On June 11, 2018, the Administrative Law Judge (ALJ) issued a notice requiring Staff to file a recommendation on the sufficiency of the application or propose a procedural schedule on or before July 9, 2018. This pleading is therefore timely filed.

II. RECOMMENDATION ON SUFFICIENCY OF THE APPLICATION

After reviewing the Application filed in this docket, Staff has concluded that Southern's application for a minor rate change for a new FTCCR is sufficient and complete. This recommendation does not address the merits of the Application.

III. PROPOSED PROCEDURAL SCHEDULE

Deadline to Intervene/Request a Hearing	July 23, 2018
Staff's recommendation on final disposition	July 23, 2018
Deadline for Request for Referral to the State Office of Administrative Hearings	July 25, 2018

IV. CONCLUSION

Staff respectfully recommends that Southern's Application be deemed sufficient for further review and requests that the procedural schedule proposed above be adopted.

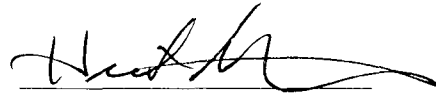
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Respectfully Submitted,

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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I certify that a copy of this document will be served on all parties of record on this the July 9, 2018 in accordance with 16 TAC § 22.74.



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