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COMPLAINT OF NZINGA HUGHES	§	BEFORE THE STATE OFFICE
AGAINST THE TRAILS AT DOMINION	§	OF
PARK, AB-GO TRAILS AT DOMINION	§	
PARK PROPCO, LLC, NWP SERVICES	§	
CORPORATION, HARRIS COUNTY	§	
MUNICIPAL UTILITY DISTRICT	§	
NO. 215, AND GOLDOLLER REAL	§	
ESTATE INVESTMENTS	§	ADMINISTRATIVE HEARINGS

**SOAH ORDER NO. 3**  
**REFERRING CASE FOR MEDIATION AND ADOPTING PROCEDURAL SCHEDULE**

On October 15, 2019, staff (Staff) of the Public Utility Commission of Texas (Commission) filed a Proposed Procedural Schedule and Request for Mediation. Staff indicated that it was authorized to represent that Nzinga Hughes (Complainant), and Trails at Dominion Park, Ab-Go Trails and Dominion Park PropCo, LLC, NWP Services Corporation, and Goldoller Real Estate Investments (collectively, Respondents) agree with the proposed schedule and mediation request.

**I. REFERRING CASE TO MEDIATION**

Staff, on behalf of Complainant and Respondents, requests that this case be referred to mediation. Staff proposes that mediation be conducted prior to the deadline for the submission of testimony, as detailed within the proposed procedural schedule below. The Administrative Law Judge (ALJ) agrees that mediation is appropriate under the circumstances. **IT IS, THEREFORE, ORDERED:**

1. This case is hereby referred to the State Office of Administrative Hearings' (SOAH) Alternative Dispute Resolution Team Leader, Holly Vandrovec for appointment of a mediator and a period of mediation. With the issuance of this Order, the official file in this case is transferred to Judge Vandrovec.
2. The mediator will schedule the mediation in consultation with the parties.

3. When a mediation conference is convened, the parties are ordered to appear at the mediation with a party representative (in addition to the party's attorney) who has full settlement authority for this matter.
4. Should the mediation be unsuccessful, the case shall be returned to the undersigned ALJ, and shall include three agreed upon dates for setting the hearing on the merits.

## II. ADOPTING PROCEDURAL SCHEDULE

Staff, on behalf of Complainant and Respondents, also proposed a procedural schedule for adoption in this proceeding. Accordingly, the procedural schedule below, with minor amendments by the ALJ, is **ADOPTED** and shall govern in this proceeding.

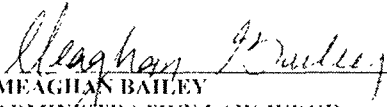
Event	Deadline
Informal settlement conference	November 4, 2019 at 10:00 a.m. – at the Public Utility Commission
Mediation by SOAH	TBD <sup>1</sup>
<i>If mediation is unsuccessful, then the following dates would apply:<sup>2</sup></i>	
Complainant's direct testimony	November 25, 2019
Objections to Complainant's direct testimony	November 29, 2019
Response to objections to Complainant's direct testimony	December 4, 2019
Respondents' direct testimony	December 16, 2019
Objections to Respondents' direct testimony	December 20, 2019

<sup>1</sup> The parties proposed that SOAH choose one day between the dates of November 11-13, 2019, to conduct mediation. However, those dates are unavailable. Judge Vandrovec, or another member of SOAH's Alternative Dispute Resolution Team, will contact the parties to schedule a date for mediation that is convenient for the parties' schedules.

<sup>2</sup> The parties may choose to amend the procedural schedule adopted above either before or after the date for mediation has been scheduled. If this occurs, the parties must file an amended procedural schedule for the ALJ's review. The procedural schedule above will continue to govern this case until the ALJ issues an order adopting an amended procedural schedule.

Event	Deadline
Response to objections to Respondent's direct testimony	January 6, 2020
Staff's direct testimony	January 10, 2020
Objections to Staff's direct testimony	January 15, 2020
Response to objections to Staff's direct testimony	January 27, 2020
Rebuttal testimony for all parties	February 3, 2020
Objections to rebuttal testimony for all parties	February 7, 2020
Response to objections to rebuttal testimony for all parties	February 10, 2020
Deadline for filing of dispositive motions (if necessary)	February 14, 2020
Response to dispositive motions (if necessary)	February 20, 2020
Hearing on dispositive motion (if necessary)	March 2, 2020
Hearing on the merits (a prehearing conference will occur at 9:00 a.m. immediately before the hearing commences).	<b>TBD</b> – a one-day hearing during the week of March 23, 2020

**SIGNED October 23, 2019.**

  
MEAGHAN BAILEY  
ADMINISTRATIVE LAW JUDGE  
STATE OFFICE OF ADMINISTRATIVE HEARINGS