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## **DOCKET NO. 48697**

## APPLICATION OF ANDERSON WATER COMPANY, INC. FOR AUTHORITY TO CHANGE RATES

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## ORDER NO. 7 ADDRESSING SUFFICIENCY OF NOTICE AND AND SUSPENDING RATE EFFECTIVE DATE

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This Order addresses the application filed by Anderson Water Company, Inc. for a water rate change, filed on October 1, 2018, and Commission Staff's recommendation on the amended proof of notice.

The administrative law judge (ALJ) finds the notice insufficient pending proof of submission of the notice to the Office of Public Utility Counsel (OPUC). Under 16 Texas Administrative Code (TAC) § 24.27(d)(1)(A), Anderson must provide a copy of the notice to all customers, affected municipalities, and OPUC. Although proof of notice to customers and municipalities appears to be sufficient, the ALJ has searched the submitted documents in this docket and finds no proof of submission of notice to OPUC. Anderson must file proof of notice to OPUC in this docket no later than June 3, 2019. Once this proof is filed, the ALJ will issue a subsequent order addressing sufficiency of notice.

The ALJ also suspends Anderson's new rate effective date for two hundred sixty-five days from April 26, 2019 or until the issuance of an order setting final rates. Under Texas Water Code (TWC) § 13.1871(g) and 16 TAC § 24.33(a)(2), the Commission is permitted to suspend the effective date of a rate change, after written notice to the utility, for up to two hundred sixty-five days from the date the proposed rates would otherwise be effective for an application filed under TWC § 13.1871. Under 16 TAC § 24.25(h), the effective date of a proposed rate increase for an application filed under TWC § 13.1871 is the proposed date on the statement of intent to customers and the Commission, unless suspended by the Commission.

The ALJ adopts the following procedural schedule:

Event	Date
Deadline for Anderson to provide proof of notice to OPUC	June 3, 2019



Deadline for any affected municipality or ratepayer to file a complaint or protest; to move to intervene; and for intervenors to file a request for a hearing on the merits or file comments	July 26, 2019
Deadline for Commission Staff to request a hearing or to make a final disposition	August 9, 2019
Deadline for Anderson to request a hearing or response to intervenor comments and Commission Staff's recommendation on final disposition; or for parties to file a proposed notice of approval with proposed findings of fact and conclusions of law, if no hearing is requested	August 16, 2019
Deadline for the Commission to set matter for hearing under 16 TAC § 24.35(c)	August 26, 2019
265 days from April 26, 2019	January 16, 2020

Signed at Austin, Texas the  $\underline{\mathcal{B}}_{\underline{\mathcal{M}}}$  day of May 2019.

**PUBLIC UTILITY COMMISSION OF TEXAS** 

CHRISTOPHER OAKLEY ADMINISTRATIVE LAW JUDGE

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