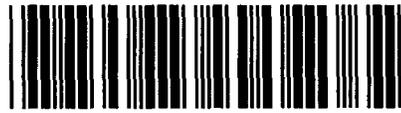




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**Via Hand-Delivery**

Mr. Stephen Journeay  
Public Utility Commission of Texas  
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Re: *Application of the City of Austin dba Austin Water for Authority to Change Water and Wastewater Rates, Docket No. 49189*

Dear Mr. Journeay:

On April 15, 2019, the City of Austin doing business as Austin Water (AW) filed its Application for Authority to Change its Water and Wastewater Rates (Rate Application) with the Public Utility Commission (Commission) in Docket No. 49189. On May 2, 2019 AW requested the case be referred to the State Office of Administrative Hearings (SOAH) and a prehearing be held to establish a schedule. To date, there has been no draft preliminary order, referral, prehearing or schedule. The most recent filings in the proceeding were on June 17. Given the Commission's schedule, the earliest date for a preliminary order to be considered is at the July 18 open meeting. The next meeting after that is not until August 8.

AW respectfully requests the Commission issue an Order of Referral of AW's Rate Application to SOAH in order to set the date for a prehearing conference, which will establish procedural deadlines necessary for the timely resolution of this matter.

Thank you for taking the time to consider AW's request.

Sincerely,

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cc: All Parties of Record