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***Via Hand Delivery to the PUC Central Records***

The Honorable Christiaan Siano  
The Honorable JoAnne Summerhays  
State Office of Administrative Hearings  
PO Box 13025  
Austin, Texas 78711-3025

Re: *Application of the City of Austin DBA Austin Water Utility for Authority to Change Wholesale Water and Wastewater Rates*; SOAH Docket No. 473-19-6297.WS, PUC Docket No. 49189; Proposed Revisions to Procedural Schedule

Dear Judges Siano and Summerhays:

Counsel for the Districts and Commission Staff have discussed an addition to the procedural schedule to allow for the submission of objections to testimony as well as responses to those objections. The following schedule is slightly different from the one that Austin Water Utility ("AWU") proposed yesterday.

DATE	EVENT
August 7, 2019	Prehearing
September 27, 2019	Discovery Deadline on the City of Austin (including depositions) for Intervenors
October 18, 2019	Intervenor Testimony
October 25, 2019	Discovery Deadline on the City of Austin (including depositions) for Staff
November 1, 2019	Objections to City of Austin Direct Testimony
November 8, 2019	Response to Objections to City of Austin Direct Testimony
November 15, 2019	Objections to Intervenor Direct Testimony
November 15, 2019	Staff Testimony
November 20, 2019	Responses to Objections to Intervenor Direct Testimony
November 22, 2019	Discovery Deadline on Staff (including depositions)
November 22, 2019	Objections to Staff Direct Testimony
November 27, 2019 at 12:00 noon	Rebuttal / Rate Case Expense Update
November 27, 2019	Response to Objections to Staff Direct Testimony
December 4, 2019 at 9:00 a.m.	Settlement Discussion

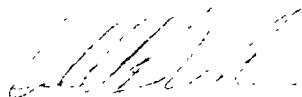
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December 4, 2019 (live at the hearing)	Objections to City of Austin Rebuttal Testimony
December 4 - 6, 2019	Hearing on the Merits
December 16, 2019	Initial Brief
December 30, 2019	Reply Brief

This slightly different schedule would provide an additional week for the Districts and the Commission Staff to object to AWU's direct testimony. The Districts need this additional time because AWU has consistently resisted providing responses to discovery requests that are required by the Commission's rules. Both the Districts and Commission Staff are awaiting responses to much of our discovery requests. As proposed by AWU, the Districts would only have one week from the submittal of their own testimony to prepare objections to AWU's direct testimony.

Counsel for the Commission Staff does not oppose the District's proposal. AWU supports the dates it filed yesterday. The Districts respectfully request that you revise the procedural schedule consistent with the above proposal.

Sincerely,



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