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RATEPAYERS' APPEAL OF THE § BEFORE THE STATE OFFICE
DECISION BY BEAR CREEK SPECIAL §
UTILITY DISTRICT TO CHANGE § OF
RATES §
§ ADMINISTRATIVE HEARINGS

SOAH ORDER NO. 9
CONVERTING TO ZOOM HEARING

This case is set for hearing on January 28-29, 2021. In response to the COVID-19 pandemic, the State Office of Administrative Hearings has discontinued most non-emergency, in-person hearings, and hearings are being convened remotely. Accordingly, this hearing will be convened using the Zoom videoconferencing platform. The Administrative Law Judge (ALJ) will make an audio recording of the hearing, which will serve as the official record unless a court reporter is present.

It is therefore **ORDERED** that the ALJ will convene a **hearing at 9:00 a.m. on January 28-29, 2021, via Zoom.** Participants using portable devices should ensure they have sufficient charge and/or a power source readily available. You may access the hearing by using the Zoom meeting link:

<https://soah-texas.zoomgov.com/j/1615867816?pwd=TVhHcHA0NnhibzdsNFJudmlqOU5Kdz09>

Alternatively, you can go to <https://soah-texas.zoomgov.com/> or the Zoom application on your mobile device, selecting "Join a Meeting," and entering the following information when prompted:

Meeting ID: 161 586 7816
Passcode: r*pc05

If you do not have access to a device that would allow videoconferencing capabilities, you may join by telephone by calling either number below and entering the following Meeting ID and passcode. Note that the passcode to join by telephone is different than the passcode to join via a computer or smart device.

(669) 254-5252 or (646) 828-7666

Meeting ID: 161 586 7816

Passcode: 372130

You may access information for participating in a zoom meeting at www.zoom.us under the “support” tab.

If you wish to have an in-person hearing, you must file a written request showing good cause as to why the use of remote technologies is not feasible or in the interest of justice. Upon an adequate showing of good cause, the hearing will be rescheduled for a later date and time, after COVID-19 emergency orders have been lifted and when in-person hearings have resumed at the State Office of Administrative Hearings.

It is further **ORDERED** that the following prehearing instructions shall be followed:

- **Prefiled Exhibits.** By January 21, 2021, the parties shall prefile all exhibits they intend to offer at the hearing on the merits, and provide the exhibits to the other party. Exhibits should be numbered sequentially, and multipage documents shall be paginated or Bates-stamped. Exhibits that are not prefiled may not be admitted into the record absent good cause.
- **Witness Identification.** By January 21, 2021, the parties shall file a witness list identifying and providing contact information for the witnesses they intend to call to testify during the hearing. Witnesses not named on the witness list, other than rebuttal witnesses, may be excluded from testifying.
- **Witness Preparation.** Prior to the hearing, the parties must provide to witnesses all documents necessary for their effective participation in the hearing. Parties should also speak to the witnesses they intend to call to testify and provide them the necessary videoconferencing information.

SIGNED October 30, 2020.



LINDA H. BRITE
ADMINISTRATIVE LAW JUDGE
STATE OFFICE OF ADMINISTRATIVE HEARINGS