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PETITION BY OUT OF DISTRICT RATEPAYERS APPEALING THE WATER RATES ESTABLISHED BY EL PASO COUNTY WATER CONTROL AND IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT NO. 4

BEFORE

PUBLIC UTILITY COMMISSION FOUND CLERK

ADMINISTRATIVE HEARINGS

SOAH ORDER NO. 13 GRANTING RATEPAYER'S UNOPPOSED MOTION TO WITHDRAW

On November 25, 2019, out of district ratepayers (Ratepayers) of El Paso County Water Control and Improvement District No. 4 (District) filed an unopposed Motion to Withdraw. The District and Ratepayers reached a settlement agreement that resolves the issues in this appeal and Staff of the Public Utility Commission of Texas (Commission) is not opposed to the agreement.

A party that initiated a proceeding may withdraw its application without prejudice to refiling at any time before that party has presented its direct case.¹ Ratepayers have not yet presented their direct case in this proceeding. An order by an Administrative Law Judge dismissing a proceeding based solely on the withdrawal of an application is the final order of the Commission and such an order does not require the preparation or inclusion of a proposal for decision.²

Accordingly, Ratepayers' Motion to Withdraw is **GRANTED**, and this case is **DISMISSED WITHOUT PREJUDICE** from the State Office of Administrative Hearings and the Commission pursuant to 16 Tex. Admin. Code § 22.181(f)(2) and (6), (g)(1), and (5).

SIGNED December 4, 2019.

ROSS HENDERSON ADMINISTRATIVE LAW JUDGE STATE OFFICE OF ADMINISTRATIVE HEARINGS

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¹ 16 TAC § 22.181(g)(1).

² 16 TAC §§ 22.2(6), 22.181(f)(2) and (6). Petition constitutes an "application." 16