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APPLICATION OF MONARCH § BEFORE THE STATE OFFICE  
UTILITIES I L.P. FOR AUTHORITY § OF  
TO CHANGE RATES § ADMINISTRATIVE HEARINGS

**JOINT STATUS UPDATE**

On July 15, 2020, Monarch Utilities I L.P. (Monarch) filed an application to change rates under Texas Water Code (TWC) § 13.187. On February 2, 2021, Monarch, the Staff of the Public Utility Commission of Texas (Commission Staff), and the Office of Public Utility Counsel (OPUC) moved to abate the proceeding after reaching a settlement in principle. This motion indicated that Commission Staff and OPUC had attempted but were unable to reach Kathy Nielsen, the only other remaining intervenor in the proceeding. On February 16, 2021, the parties filed a joint status report affirming their continued efforts to draft a joint stipulation, proposed order, and an applicable final tariff representing the parties' settlement. This status report also indicated that the parties were able to contact Ms. Nielsen and that she was in agreement with the settlement in principle.

On June 4, 2021, State Office of Administrative Hearings (SOAH) Order No. 10 established a July 1, 2021 deadline for the parties to file a joint status update describing the status of settlement negotiations and providing an estimated timeframe of when the parties plan to file their joint stipulation, settlement agreement, proposed order, and motion to remand the proceeding to the Commission. On July 1, 2021, the parties filed a joint status update requesting additional time and stating the parties expected to have a final settlement package ready to file by July 9, 2021.

**I. JOINT STATUS UPDATE**

Commission Staff, Monarch, OPUC, and Kathy Nielsen have reached a settlement in principle. Commission Staff, Monarch, and OPUC have ironed out the final details to be included in the proposed order and have otherwise finalized the settlement package. The parties have attempted to get Ms. Nielsen's authorization to file the settlement documents, but at this time have been unable to reach her. Accordingly, the parties are holding off on filing the settlement documents at this time such that they may continue in their efforts to reach Ms.

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Nielsen for her final approval. Commission Staff, Monarch, and OPUC are hopeful they can reach Ms. Nielsen in the week to come and expect to file a final settlement package in the no later than July 16, 2021.

## II. CONCLUSION

Commission Staff, Monarch, and OPUC respectfully request that an order be issued continuing abatement of this proceeding.

Dated: July 9, 2021

Respectfully submitted,

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