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COMPLAINT OF JOHN BLALOCK
AGAINST MERCY WATER SUPPLY
CORPORATION

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BEFORE THE STATE OFFICE
OF
ADMINISTRATIVE HEARINGS

**SOAH ORDER NO. 3
GRANTING CONTINUANCE AND
REQUESTING PREHEARING CONFERENCE DATES**

On May 4, 2021, the parties convened via Zoom for the previously-set prehearing conference (Conference) in this case, during which Mercy Water Supply Corporation's (Mercy) motion for sanctions filed February 16, 2021 was to be heard. John Blalock requested a continuance, due to an unforeseen medical emergency, which neither the Public Utility Commission of Texas nor Mercy opposed. Accordingly, the motion was **GRANTED**, the Conference was **CONTINUED**, and the Conference will be **RESET**.

A new Conference date has not been set. Accordingly, the Administrative Law Judges (ALJs) grant the parties five working days to confer and **no later than May 11, 2021**, submit three possible, alternate dates for Conference. **The dates should be within the period of May 17-28, 2021.** If the parties cannot reach an agreement, then each may individually submit a filing responsive to this order. If the parties fail to submit proposed dates by the deadline, the ALJs will set the prehearing conference by order without input from the parties.

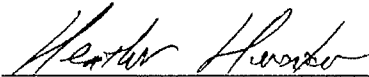
For clarification, the ALJs specify that Mercy's motion for sanctions filed February 16, 2021, will be heard at the rescheduled Conference, along with the other topics listed in SOAH Order 1.

Further, it is **ORDERED** that the parties shall confer with each other as to whether mediation would be a beneficial tool to resolve the current dispute and file, **by the same deadline identified above**, a statement regarding whether the parties are interested in participating in mediation hosted by the State Office of Administrative Hearings (SOAH). SOAH mediations are free of charge to the parties and do not preclude the parties from participating in a contested case

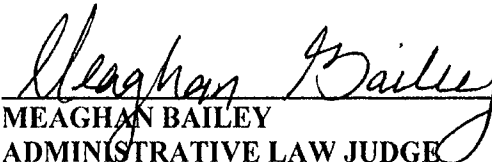
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if the mediation is unsuccessful. Additional information about SOAH mediations can be found on SOAH's website at <http://www.soah.texas.gov/Hearings-And-Mediation/mediation.html>.

SIGNED May 4, 2021.



**HEATHER HUNZIKER
ADMINISTRATIVE LAW JUDGE
STATE OFFICE OF ADMINISTRATIVE HEARINGS**



**MEAGHAN BAILEY
ADMINISTRATIVE LAW JUDGE
STATE OFFICE OF ADMINISTRATIVE HEARINGS**