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PETITION BY OUTSIDE CITY	§	PUBLIC UTILITY COMMISSION
RATEPAYERS APPEALING THE	§	
WATER RATES ESTABLISHED BY	§	OF TEXAS
THE CITY OF MELVIN	§	

ORDER NO. 6
REQUIRING COMMENTS ON PAYMENT SCHEDULE AND AMOUNTS

This Order addresses the need for comments regarding the City of Melvin's payment schedule and amounts of refunds provided and yet to be provided regarding this petition. In a review of Melvin's reimbursement receipts so far, it appears that the payment schedule and amounts could take approximately five years to conclude.

This proceeding involves certain ratepayers (petitioners) outside the City of Melvin appealing the water rates approved by the Melvin city council on January 18, 2021. On August 11, 2021, Melvin filed a motion to dismiss this case, representing that the rates at issue were rescinded as of August 2, 2021, and stated a commitment to refund the petitioners the difference between the January 18, 2021 rate and the previous rate used by Melvin.

In Order No. 4 filed on August 17, 2021, the proceeding was abated to enable Melvin to file proof that refunds have been made or a report on the status of the refunds. On September 1, 2021, Melvin filed a status report contending that it had insufficient funds to make full refunds, but began providing minimum monthly credits, which would continue until full refunds were complete. In Order No. 5 filed on September 7, 2021, the abatement was continued until Melvin fulfills its commitment to refund the outside city ratepayers and required Melvin to provide monthly status reports on the progress of completing the refunds.

It is nearing 18 months since Melvin's payment schedule and refunds began. Currently, Melvin is crediting all accounts at the rate of \$55 per month, regardless of the amount of refund remaining. There is one account that at the rate of \$55 per month in credits will take approximately four more years to issue all remaining credits and another account that will take approximately five more years. This length of time to complete the remaining refund credits is not acceptable.

By January 20, 2023, the parties to this proceeding must file joint comments on the existing payment schedule and amounts, and what, if any, steps can be taken to ensure a timelier approach is realized in completing the refunds.

Signed at Austin, Texas the 29th day of December 2022.

PUBLIC UTILITY COMMISSION OF TEXAS

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Susan E. Goodson". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

SUSAN E. GOODSON
ADMINISTRATIVE LAW JUDGE