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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. 7
GRANTING MOTION TO WITHDRAW,
GRANTING EXTENSION AND REVISING DEADLINE

This Order addresses the January 6, 2022 motion by the attorneys of Mathews & Freeland, LLP, specifically Mr. Benjamin Mathews, to withdraw as the attorney of record representing the petitioners in this proceeding and the City of Melvin's January 12, 2023 request to extend the deadline to file joint comments with Commission Staff 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.

Mr. Benjamin Mathews provided notice that the petitioners in this proceeding have changed their authorized representative and that the petitioners consented to the motion to withdraw from representation. Mr. Mathews requested entry of an order permitting the law firm of Mathews & Freeland, LLP to withdraw from representation in this cause.

The administrative law judge (ALJ) grants the motion to withdraw from representation. The attorneys of Mathews and Freeland, LLP, specifically Mr. Benjamin Mathews, are withdrawn as attorneys of record for the petitioners in this proceeding. All parties should update their service lists accordingly.

Melvin states that the city council met on January 10, 2022 to discuss Order No. 6 filed on December 29, 2022, and after much discussion, requests additional time to review its finances in determining what it can afford to credit the outside ratepayers.

The ALJ also grants Melvin's request for extension. By February 21, 2023, the parties 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 17th day of January 2023.

PUBLIC UTILITY COMMISSION OF TEXAS

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "Susan E. Goodson".

SUSAN E. GOODSON

ADMINISTRATIVE LAW JUDGE