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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. 9 REQUIRING FILINGS

This Order addresses Commission Staff's March 9, 2023 reply to the City of Melvin's response to Order No. 8 regarding the parties' 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.

On February 27, 2023, Melvin filed its February 2023 reimbursements and on March 2, 2023, Melvin filed full and final reimbursements.

Following a review of Melvin's filings, Commission Staff recommends Melvin's method of refunds be found reasonable. However, Commission Staff also recommends that Melvin be ordered to file a copy of the city council agenda and minutes for the meeting during which the method for refunds was discussed and approved and that Melvin file proof that full refunds have been made. Specifically, until the refunds have been fully applied and credited against future bills, Melvin has not proven that full refunds have been made to its ratepayers. For these reasons, Commission Staff proposes a procedural schedule for further processing.

The administrative law judge finds Melvin's method of refunds reasonable. However, because no documentation has been filed to substantiate whether full refunds have been realized by Melvin's ratepayers, Melvin must file by May 1, 2023, a copy of the city council agenda and minutes for the meeting during which the method for refunds was discussed and approved and file proof that full refunds have been made.

By May 8, 2023, petitioners and Commission Staff must file a response to the documentation and attestation filed by Melvin.

Signed at Austin, Texas the 13th day of March 2023.

PUBLIC UTILITY COMMISSION OF TEXAS

SUSAN E. GOODSON

ADMINISTRATIVE LAW JUDGE

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