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APPLICATION OF EAST HOUSTON UTILITIES INC. FOR AUTHORITY TO CHANGE RATES	§ § § § §	BEFORE THE STATE OFFICE OF ADMINISTRATIVE HEARINGS
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**COMMISSION STAFF’S RESPONSE TO ORDER NO. 8 AND PROPOSED
PROCEDURAL SCHEDULE**

On July 29, 2021, East Houston Utilities Inc. (East Houston) filed a request for a rate increase for its Certificate of Convenience and Necessity No. 12042.

On December 13, 2023, the State Office of Administrative Hearings administrative law judge filed Order No. 8. The Staff (Staff) of the Public Utility Commission of Texas was instructed to propose a procedural schedule, if necessary. Accordingly, Staff proposes the following procedural schedule for the further processing of this docket.

I. PROPOSED PROCEDURAL SCHEDULE

Staff proposes the following procedural schedule:

Event	Date
Prehearing Conference	January 9, 2024
Direct Testimony or Statement of Position of Protestors/Ratepayers	January 29, 2024
Direct Testimony or Statement of Position of East Houston	February 5, 2024
Direct Testimony or Statement of Position of Staff	February 12, 2024
Last Day to Propound Discovery on Direct Testimony	February 19, 2024
Hearing on the Merits	March 6, 2024
Initial Briefs	March 27, 2024
Reply Briefs	April 10, 2024

II. CONCLUSION

Staff respectfully requests that the procedural schedule proposed above be adopted.

Date: January 9, 2024

Respectfully submitted,

**PUBLIC UTILITY COMMISSION OF TEXAS
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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I certify that unless otherwise ordered by the presiding officer, notice of the filing of this document was provided to all parties of record via electronic mail on January 9, 2024, in accordance with the Second Order Suspending Rules, filed in Project No. 50664.

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