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**BEFORE THE**  
**STATE OFFICE OF ADMINISTRATIVE**  
**HEARINGS**

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**APPLICATION OF EAST HOUSTON UTILITIES, INC. FOR**  
**AUTHORITY TO CHANGE RATES**

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**SOAH ORDER No. 9**  
**ADOPTING PROCEDURAL SCHEDULE AND**  
**SETTING HEARING ON THE MERITS**

**I. ADOPTING PROCEDURAL SCHEDULE**

On January 9, 2024, a prehearing conference was held in this matter. In response to discussions at the prehearing conference, the staff (Staff) of the Public Utility Commission of Texas filed a proposed procedural schedule the same day. No objections were filed. Accordingly, the following procedural schedule is **ADOPTED**:

<b>Event</b>	<b>Date</b>
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
<b>Hearing on the Merits</b>	<b>March 6, 2024</b>
Initial Briefs	March 27, 2024
Reply Briefs	April 10, 2024

## **II. SETTING HEARING ON THE MERITS**

The hearing on the merits will be held at **9:00 AM (CT) on March 6, 2024**, remotely via Zoom videoconference. The audio portion of the hearing will be recorded, and it will be the official record of the proceeding.

Attend the hearing in one of these ways:

Join by computer or smart device:

Go to <https://soah-texas.zoomgov.com> and enter the following:

Meeting ID: 161 483 5267

Video Passcode: PUC766

Join by telephone (audio only):

Call +1 669 254 5252, and then enter the following:

Meeting ID: 161 483 5267

Telephone Passcode: 452539

Parties **SHALL** comply with the following prehearing requirements and deadlines regarding prefilings exhibits and witness identification. No later than February 28, 2024:

1. Each party **SHALL** file a witness list identifying all witnesses the party expects to call to testify during the hearing. The party shall also identify its witnesses, if any, for whom all other parties have waived cross-examination.
2. Each party **SHALL** file a list of all exhibits it intends to offer at the hearing (including, for example, on cross-examination).
3. Unless these materials have already been provided prior to the previously scheduled hearing on the merits, the parties **SHALL** deliver to the ALJ at the State Office of Administrative Hearings (SOAH), Room 504, 5th Floor, William P. Clements Building, 300 West 15th Street, Austin, Texas 78701, an electronic copy (USB drive or CD) of all exhibits the party intends to offer to be maintained as the record copy. If a court reporter will transcribe the hearing, the parties **SHALL ALSO**, after consulting with the court reporter about how to do so, provide an electronic copy of all exhibits the party intends to offer along with a copy of the party's witness list and exhibit list. When a court reporter is retained, the electronic copies of the parties' exhibits submitted to the court reporter will be maintained as the record copy.
4. The parties **SHALL** exchange with each other a marked copy of all exhibits they intend to offer.<sup>1</sup>

All exhibits **SHALL** be marked with the offering party's name and the exhibit number. Exhibits should be numbered sequentially, and multipage documents shall be paginated and Bates-stamped. Exhibits not meeting a requirement in this order may not be admitted into the record absent good cause. Prior to the hearing, the parties **SHALL** provide to witnesses all documents

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<sup>1</sup> The parties may agree among themselves on the method delivery to each other and may agree to forego delivery to each other of marked copies of exhibits they have already received, relying on the exhibit lists to identify the offering party and exhibit number.

necessary for their effective participation in the hearing. Parties should also speak to the witnesses they intend to call to testify and provide the necessary videoconferencing information.

**Signed January 29, 2024**

ALJ Signature(s):

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Daniel Wiseman", is written over a horizontal line.

Daniel Wiseman,

Presiding Administrative Law Judge