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**BEFORE THE
STATE OFFICE OF ADMINISTRATIVE
HEARINGS**

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

SOAH ORDER NO. 7

ADOPTING INTERIM RATES AND GRANTING MOTION TO ABATE

On June 12, 2023, a hearing on the merits was convened via Zoom. During the hearing, the Staff (Staff) of the Public Utility Commission of Texas (Commission) made an oral motion for interim rates and oral motion for abatement of this matter. The hearing was continued to allow for the filing of written motions. On June 16, 2023, Staff filed an unopposed motion to set interim rates and motion for abatement. As set out below, the motions are **GRANTED**.

The interim rates set out in the attachment to Staff's June 16, 2023 motion are **ADOPTED**. The interim rates will become effective on the first billing cycle following the date of this order and will remain in effect until a final rate

determination is made or another interim rate is established. The interim rates are subject to refund or surcharge to the extent they differ from the rates ultimately established.¹

East Houston **SHALL** provide notice to its customers of the interim rates in compliance with 16 Texas Administrative Code section 24.37(j).

Within ten days of the date of this order, Staff shall provide a clean copy of the approved interim rates to Central Records to be marked Approved and filed in the Commission's tariff books.

Staff also requests an abatement in order to allow the Commission to open a compliance proceeding to monitor East Houston's compliance with Texas Water Code section 13.185(e) by September 18, 2023. No objection was filed. Accordingly, this proceeding is **ABATED** until September 18, 2023, or until the parties move to lift the abatement. Staff **SHALL** file a status report no later than September 18, 2023.

Signed June 19, 2023

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

¹ 16 Tex. Admin. Code § 22.125(e).