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APPLICATION OF SOUTHWESTERN	§	
PUBLIC SERVICE COMPANY FOR	§	BEFORE THE STATE OFFICE
APPROVAL OF ADVANCED METERING	§	OF
SYSTEM (AMS) DEPLOYMENT PLAN,	§	ADMINISTRATIVE HEARINGS
AMS SURCHARGE, AND NON-	§	
STANDARD METERING SERVICE FEES	§	

SOUTHWESTERN PUBLIC SERVICE COMPANY’S
PROPOSED PROCEDURAL SCHEDULE

Southwestern Public Service Company (“SPS”) hereby files this proposed procedural schedule in response to State Office of Administrative Hearings (“SOAH”) Order No. 1.

SOAH Order No. 1 encouraged the parties to this proceeding to file by no later than November 29, 2021, at noon, an agreed procedural schedule, which may include an agreed motion to cancel the prehearing conference. SPS and the parties were unable to agree on a proposed procedural schedule by the November 29, 2021 deadline, but now submit the agreed proposed procedural schedule. SPS has not been able to contact intervenors Carrie Davis and Belva Bowers,¹ but SPS is authorized to state that all other parties agree to the proposed procedural schedule below:

Event/Deadline	Date
Application filed	August 20, 2021
Intervention Deadline	November 22, 2021 ²
Objections to SPS direct testimony	December 3, 2021
Response to objections to SPS direct testimony	December 10, 2021
Deadline to serve discovery on SPS direct case	December 13, 2021
Intervenor direct testimony or statements of position³	January 4, 2021

¹ The letters filed in this docket by Ms. Davis and Ms. Bowers did not include email addresses or telephone numbers.

² 45 days after SPS mailed notice to its customers (i.e., 45 days after October 8, 2021).

³ If an intervenor files direct testimony on this date, that intervenor may also file a statement of position under 16 TAC 22.124(a) no later than three working days before the start of the hearing.

Objections to intervenor direct testimony	January 11, 2021
Staff direct testimony	January 11 , 2021
Responses to objections to intervenor direct testimony	January 18, 2022
Objections to Staff direct testimony	January 18, 2022
Response to objections to Staff direct testimony	January 25, 2022
Deadline to serve discovery on intervenor and Staff direct testimony	January 25, 2022
SPS rebuttal testimony; intervenor and Staff cross-rebuttal testimony	January 25 , 2022
Objections to rebuttal and cross-rebuttal testimony	January 28, 2022
Deadline to serve all discovery (including taking depositions)	January 31, 2022
Pre-filing of parties' exhibits and witness lists	February 2, 2022 (NOON)
Responses to objections to rebuttal and cross-rebuttal testimony	Live at hearing
Hearing on the merits via Zoom (set for one day)	February 9, 2022
Initial briefs	February 16, 2022
Reply briefs and proposed findings of fact, conclusions of law, and ordering paragraphs	February 23, 2022
Approximate date of Proposal for Decision	April 23, 2022
Agreed extension of Decision Deadline under 16 TAC § 25.130(d)(7) and Order Nos. 2 and 4	May __, 2022⁴

As agreed by the parties, the following additional procedures apply:

- For discovery on intervenor and Staff direct testimony, the following deadlines apply:
 - Responses are due within 10 calendar days of the discovery request;
 - Objections are due within 5 working days of the discovery request;
 - Motions to compel are due within 4 working days of objections; and
 - Responses to motions to compel are due within 3 working days of the motion to compel.
- For discovery on rebuttal and cross-rebuttal testimony, the following deadlines will apply:

- Responses are due within 5 calendar days of the discovery request;
- Objections are due within 3 working days of the discovery request;
- Motions to compel are due within 3 working days of the discovery request;
and
- Responses to motions to compel are due within 3 working days of the motion to compel.
- Drafts of testimony and exhibits and emails transmitting the drafts are not discoverable.
- Email is a valid method of service.

Respectfully submitted,

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⁴ At this time, the Commission has not posted open meeting dates for May 2022. SPS agrees to extend the decision deadline under 16 TAC 25.130(d)(7) to the first open meeting in May 2022.

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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I certify that a true and correct copy of the foregoing document was served on all parties of record on this 30th day of November 2021.

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