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<b>PETITION OF MCALLEN PUBLIC</b>	<b>§</b>	<b>PUBLIC UTILITY COMMISSION</b>
<b>UTILITY APPEALING WHOLESALE</b>	<b>§</b>	
<b>WATER RATES CHARGED BY</b>	<b>§</b>	<b>OF TEXAS</b>
<b>HIDALGO COUNTY WATER</b>	<b>§</b>	
<b>IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT NO. 3</b>	<b>§</b>	

**ORDER NO. 2**

**FINDING PETITION SUFFICIENT FOR FURTHER PROCESSING AND  
ADDRESSING REFERRAL TO SOAH AND MOTION FOR INTERIM RATES**

This Order address the October 27, 2021 petition of McAllen Public Utility, filed under Texas Water Code § 12.013, appealing the wholesale water rates charged by the Hidalgo County Water Improvement District No. 3. McAllen's petition includes requests (1) to establish interim rates during the pendency of this proceeding; (2) for the Commission to issue an order compelling Hidalgo County Water to continue providing water service to McAllen in accordance with the existing contract; (3) to find the rates adversely affect the public interest; (4) to establish a reasonable water rate; and (5) to order Hidalgo County Water to refund all payments in excess of the reasonable rate fixed by the Commission.

On November 22, 2021, Commission Staff filed recommendations on the sufficiency of the petition, on referral to the State Office of Administrative Hearings (SOAH) for an evidentiary hearing, and on McAllen's request that interim rates be decided by the Commission in a preliminary order.

The administrative law judge finds the petition sufficient for further processing. Commission Staff's recommendation that this docket be referred to SOAH and McAllen's request regarding interim rates will be addressed in a separate order.

**Signed at Austin, Texas the 29th day of November 2021.**

**PUBLIC UTILITY COMMISSION OF TEXAS**



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ADMINISTRATIVE LAW JUDGE**