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NOTICE OF VIOLATION BY SHELL	§	PUBLIC UTILITY COMMISSION
OIL COMPANY FOR VIOLATIONS OF	§	
16 TAC § 25.55 AND ERCOT NODAL	§	OF TEXAS
PROTOCOLS § 3.21(3), CONCERNING	§	
FAILURE TO COMPLY WITH	§	
WINTER WEATHER EMERGENCY	§	
PREPAREDNESS REPORTING	§	
REQUIREMENTS	§	

JOINT STATUS REPORT AND REQUEST FOR CONTINUED ABATEMENT

On December 8, 2021, the Executive Director of the Public Utility Commission of Texas (Commission) filed a formal Notice of Violation (NOV) against Shell Oil Company (Shell) in the above-styled proceeding. Commission Staff and Shell are referred to herein as “the Parties.” On December 23, 2021, Shell filed a request for hearing. On January 7, 2022, Shell filed an agreed request to abate the proceeding pending settlement negotiations with Commission Staff.

On January 13, 2022, the administrative law judge (ALJ) filed Order No. 1, abating the proceeding. The proceeding has remained in abatement since that time and through subsequent orders to allow the parties sufficient time to discuss settlement. Most recently on March 15, 2022, the ALJ filed Order No. 4, requiring the Parties to file a Joint Status Report regarding settlement discussions and whether continued abatement is appropriate by March 25, 2022. Therefore, this pleading is timely filed.

I. STATUS REPORT AND REQUEST FOR CONTINUED ABATEMENT

Commission Staff and Shell continue to be engaged in settlement discussions and have made significant progress since filing of the last status report. The Parties respectfully request continued abatement of this proceeding to allow for further negotiation, with the understanding that the parties may seek continued abatement by mutual agreement if additional negotiations are prudent. The parties therefore respectfully request that a deadline of April 8, 2022 be established for the parties to file a subsequent joint status report regarding settlement discussions and whether continued abatement of this docket is appropriate. Shell has conferred with Commission Staff regarding the substance of this filing and is authorized to represent that the filing be made jointly.

II. CONCLUSION

Commission Staff and Shell are engaged in ongoing settlement negotiations. The parties respectfully request that the abatement of this proceeding be continued and that a deadline of April 8, 2022 be established for the parties to file a joint status report regarding settlement discussions and whether continued abatement of this docket is appropriate.

Respectfully Submitted,

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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I certify that a true and correct copy of this pleading has been forwarded to all parties of record via electronic mail on the 25th day of March 2022, in accordance with the Order Suspending Rules, issued in Project No. 50664.

/s/ Alaina Zermeno

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