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**BEFORE THE
STATE OFFICE OF ADMINISTRATIVE
HEARINGS**

**APPLICATION OF TEXAS WATER UTILITIES, LP AND
SOUTHERN HORIZONS DEVELOPMENT, INC. FOR SALE,
TRANSFER, OR MERGER OF FACILITIES AND
CERTIFICATE RIGHTS IN LIBERTY AND MONTGOMERY
COUNTIES**

**SOAH ORDER NO. 3
SCHEDULING HEARING ON THE MERITS**

1. **Procedural Schedule.** On April 1, 2024, Texas Water Utilities, LP. on behalf of itself Southern Horizons Development, Inc. (Applicants), and the Staff (Staff) of the Public Utility Commission of Texas (Commission) filed an agreed proposed procedural schedule. Office of Public Utility Counsel (OPUC) filed an alternate schedule. The ALJ adopts Applicants' and Staff's schedule, but omits reference to striking intervenors. The Schedule is adopted as follows:

Event	Date
Applicant's Direct Testimony	April 18, 2024
Objections to Applicant's Direct Testimony	April 25, 2024

Response to Objections to Applicant's Direct Testimony	May 2, 2024
Intervenor Direct Testimony or Statement of Position	May 9, 2024
Deadline for Discovery on Applicant's Direct Testimony	May 9, 2024
Objections to Intervenor Direct Testimony	May 16, 2024
Response to Objections to Intervenor Direct Testimony	May 23, 2024
Staff Direct Testimony	May 30, 2024
Objections to Staff Direct Testimony	June 6, 2024
Settlement Conference	June 6, 2024
Response to Objections to Staff Direct Testimony	June 13, 2024
Deadline for Discovery on Intervenor and Staff Direct Testimony	June 20, 2024
Applicant's Rebuttal Testimony	June 20, 2024
Cross-Rebuttal Testimony	June 20, 2024
Objections to Applicant's Rebuttal Testimony and Cross-Rebuttal Testimony	July 2, 2024
Response to Exceptions	July 8, 2024
Hearing on the Merits	July 23-24, 2024

In addition:

1. Testimony drafts and the emails transmitting them are not discoverable.
2. Email service is a valid method of service.
3. Any party that does not file Direct Testimony may not file Cross-Rebuttal Testimony.
5. Intervenors may only file cross-rebuttal addressing Staff's Direct Testimony and the Direct Testimony of other Intervenors and Staff may only file cross-rebuttal addressing Intervenors' Direct Testimony.
6. Discovery requests received after 3:00 p.m. are deemed to have been received the following business day.

7. For discovery requests on Intervenor Direct Testimony, Staff Direct Testimony, Applicants' Rebuttal Testimony, and Cross-Rebuttal Testimony:
 - a. Objections are due within five calendar days of the date the request is received.
 - b. Motions to compel are due within three working days of the date the objection is filed.
 - c. Responses are due within 10 calendar days of the date the request is received.

2. **Hearing.** A hearing will be held at **9:00 AM (CT) on July 23, 2024**, remotely via Zoom videoconference. 1 Tex. Admin. Code § 155.405(c). 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:

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<https://soah-texas.zoomgov.com> and enter:

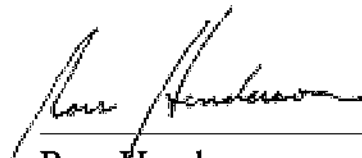
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3. **Court Reporter.** Applicants are responsible for obtaining a court reporter for the proceeding.

Signed April 3, 2024.



Ross Henderson
Presiding Administrative Law Judge