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EVELYN DANGERFIELD'S APPEAL	§	PUBLIC UTILITY COMMISSION
OF THE COST OF OBTAINING	§	
SERVICE FROM HIGH POINT	§	OF TEXAS
SPECIAL UTILITY DISTRICT	§	

COMMISSION STAFF'S RECOMMENDATION ON ADMINISTRATIVE COMPLETENESS

I. INTRODUCTION

On February 17, 2023, Evelyn Dangerfield (Ms. Dangerfield) filed with the Public Utility Commission of Texas (Commission) an appeal of the cost of obtaining service from High Point Special Utility District (High Point SUD) under Texas Water Code (TWC) § 13.043(g) and 16 Texas Administrative Code (TAC) § 24.101(g).

On February 22, 2023, the administrative law judge (ALJ) filed Order No. 1, directing the Staff (Staff) of the Public Utility Commission of Texas (Commission) to file comments on the administrative completeness of the petition and notice by March 17, 2023. Additionally, the ALJ directed Staff to file comments on if this docket should be processed as a complaint, rather than an appeal. Therefore, this pleading is timely filed.

II. ADMINISTRTAIVE COMPLETENESS OF THE PETITION

Based on a review of the petition, Staff finds the appeal insufficient because Ms. Dangerfield did not use the appropriate filing application. Billing disputes are handled via the Commission complaint process, per 16 TAC § 22.242 and not through an appeal of the cost of obtaining service under TWC § 13.043(g) and 16 TAC § 24.101(g). Staff contacted Ms. Dangerfield regarding the issue, and Ms. Dangerfield resubmitted her complaint per the Commission's complaint process under Complaint No. CP2023030578.

Therefore, Staff recommends the appeal be dismissed without prejudice under 16 TAC §22.181(d)(5) and (d)(11).

III. PROCEDURAL SCHEDULE

In accordance with Staff's recommendation that the petition be dismissed, Staff does not

propose a procedural schedule for further processing of the docket at this time. Staff intends to

propose a procedural schedule should the recommendation to dismiss this petition be denied.

IV. **CONCLUSION**

For the reasons detailed above, Staff recommends that the petition be dismissed, and the

docket closed. Staff respectfully requests the entry of an order consistent with these

recommendations.

Dated: March 17, 2023

Respectfully submitted,

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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I certify that unless otherwise ordered by the presiding officer, notice of the filing of this document will be provided to all parties of record via electronic mail on March 17, 2023 in accordance with the Second Order Suspending Rules, issued in Project No. 50664.

/s/ Bradley Reynolds
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