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PETITION BY RATEPAYERS	§	PUBLIC UTILITY COMMISSION
APPEALING THE WATER RATES	§	
ESTABLISHED BY WESTWOOD	§	OF TEXAS
SHORES MUNICIPAL UTILITY	§	
DISTRICT	§	

ORDER NO. 4
FINDING PETITION ADMINISTRATIVELY COMPLETE,
DENYING MOTION TO DISMISS AND
ADDRESSING REFERRAL TO SOAH

This Order address Commission Staff's May 9, 2023 recommendations regarding the March 3, 2023 petition, under Texas Water Code § 13.043(b)(4) and 16 Texas Administrative Code § 24.101(c)(1), by certain ratepayers appealing Westwood Shores Municipal Utility District's water rates, effective February 1, 2023, which were approved by Westwood Shores' board of directors in a meeting held on December 19, 2022.

On May 9, 2023, Commission Staff recommended that the petition should be deemed administratively complete and that Westwood Shores' motion to dismiss the petition should be denied. Commission Staff recommended that the petition conformity issues raised by Westwood Shores had been sufficiently satisfied in the petition and in fact were permissive, not mandatory, and because the issue of notifying Westwood Shores of the petition had been cured. Commission Staff requested this docket be referred to the State Office of Administrative Hearings (SOAH) for an evidentiary hearing.

The administrative law judge (ALJ) finds the petition administratively complete. The ALJ also agrees with Commission Staff and denies Westwood Shores' motion to dismiss. Commission Staff's request that this docket be referred to SOAH will be addressed in a separate order.

Signed at Austin, Texas the 15th day of May 2023.

PUBLIC UTILITY COMMISSION OF TEXAS



SUSAN E. GOODSON
ADMINISTRATIVE LAW JUDGE