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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. 1
REQUIRING RESPONSES AND
ADDRESSING OTHER PROCEDURAL MATTERS

I. Petition

On March 3, 2023, certain ratepayers of Westwood Shores Municipal Utility District (petitioners) filed, under Texas Water Code (TWC) § 13.043(b)(4) and 16 Texas Administrative Code (TAC) § 24.101(c)(1), an appeal of Westwood Shores MUD's water rates, effective February 1, 2023, which were approved by the Westwood Shores MUD's board of directors in a meeting held on December 19, 2022.

II. Requiring Comments on the Administrative Completeness of Appeal

Commission Staff must file comments on the administrative completeness of the petition by April 3, 2023.¹

III. Response to Petition by Red River Authority

Westwood Shores MUD must file a response to the petition by April 3, 2023.

IV. Requesting Procedural Schedule

By April 10, 2023, Westwood Shores MUD, petitioners, and Commission Staff must confer and file comments on how this proceeding should be processed and propose a procedural schedule.

V. Certificate of Service Required and Service of Pleadings

All future filings must include a certificate of service in compliance with 16 TAC § 22.74(e). Service of pleadings is typically governed by 16 TAC § 22.74. However, the

¹ 16 TAC § 24.8(a) and 16 TAC § 22.4(a).

Commission's Second Order Suspending Rules (Commission's Second Order)² suspended certain service requirements found in 16 TAC § 22.74. As long as the Commission's Second Order remains in effect, all parties must file any pleading or document with the Commission solely through the Interchange on the Commission's website and provide notice, by email, to all other parties that the pleading or document has been filed with the Commission, unless otherwise ordered by the presiding officer. It will be incumbent upon all other parties to obtain a copy of the pleading or document by accessing the Interchange at: <https://interchange.puc.texas.gov>.

All parties are required to provide their current addresses, **e-mail addresses**, telephone and fax numbers, if available, to all other parties and to the Commission by filing and serving all parties with such information. Each party must provide the Commission and all parties with updated address, **e-mail address**, telephone, and fax information if such information changes. The **e-mail addresses**, telephone and fax numbers will be included on the service list for the convenience of the parties. Parties are responsible for updating their own service lists to reflect changed information and the addition of any other parties.

VI. Filings

Unless otherwise specified, an original and ten copies of documents relating to this proceeding must be filed with the Commission's filing clerk in accordance with 16 Texas Administration Code (TAC) § 22.71. **In light of the Commission's Second Order, this requirement will be considered satisfied if pleadings are filed with the Commission through the Interchange on the Commission's website as long as the Commission's Second Order is in effect.³**

VII. Ex Parte Communications

Ex parte communications with the administrative law judge (ALJ) are prohibited under 16 TAC § 22.3(b)(2). Parties must communicate with the ALJ only through written documents filed with the Commission's filing clerk and served on all parties. Questions concerning this Order

² *Issues Related to the State of Disaster for the Coronavirus Disease*, Docket No. 50664, Second Order Suspending Rules (July 16, 2020).

³ *Id.*

or any other order must be submitted in writing, filed with the Commission, and served on all parties of record.

Signed at Austin, Texas the 6th day of March 2023.

PUBLIC UTILITY COMMISSION OF TEXAS

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "Susan E. Goodson".

SUSAN E. GOODSON
ADMINISTRATIVE LAW JUDGE