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<b>STACIE SMITH'S APPEAL OF THE</b>	<b>§</b>	<b>PUBLIC UTILITY COMMISSION</b>
<b>COST OF OBTAINING SERVICE</b>	<b>§</b>	
<b>FROM LIBERTY CITY WATER</b>	<b>§</b>	<b>OF TEXAS</b>
<b>SUPPLY CORPORATION</b>	<b>§</b>	

**ORDER NO. 4**  
**FINDING NOTICE SUFFICIENT AND DECLINING TO ADOPT PROCEDURAL**  
**SCHEDULE**

This Order addresses the sufficiency of notice of the October 30, 2023 petition of Stacie Smith to appeal Liberty City Water Supply Corporation's increase in fees to obtain service. On December 6, 2023, Ms. Smith filed proof of notice to Liberty City WSC.

On March 5, 2024, Commission Staff filed a recommendation on sufficiency of notice. Further, Commission Staff requests additional time for Liberty City WSC and Ms. Smith to provide a response to Commission Staff's recommendation regarding whether the charges included in Liberty City WSC's quote to Ms. Smith were regular membership or tap fees, or whether they are other fees or amounts to be paid to obtain service.

The administrative law judge (ALJ) finds notice sufficient. The ALJ declines to adopt the deadlines proposed by Commission Staff. If Commission Staff would like Liberty City WSC and Ms. Smith to provide a response to their recommendation, discovery is the more appropriate avenue for acquiring the information they seek.

By April 8, 2024, Commission Staff must file a procedural schedule for the further processing of this docket.

**Signed at Austin, Texas on the 6th day of March 2024.**

**PUBLIC UTILITY COMMISSION OF TEXAS**



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**CHRISTINA DENMARK**  
**ADMINISTRATIVE LAW JUDGE**