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PETITION BY RATEPAYERS	§	PUBLIC UTILITY COMMISSION
APPEALING THE WATER AND	§	
WASTEWATER RATES	§	OF TEXAS
ESTABLISHED BY THE CITY OF	§	
ROCKPORT	§	

**ORDER NO. 1
REQUIRING RESPONSES AND
ADDRESSING OTHER PROCEDURAL MATTERS**

I. Petition

On December 4, 2023, ratepayers of the City of Rockport filed a petition appealing the City's wholesale water and wastewater rates under Texas Water Code § 13.043(b)

II. Requiring Comments on the Administrative Completeness of Appeal

Commission Staff must file comments on the administrative completeness of the petition by December 27, 2023.

III. Response to Petition by the City of Rockport

The City of Rockport must file a response to the petition by December 30, 2023.

IV. Requesting Procedural Schedule

By December 27, 2023, the petitioners, the City, 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

Service of pleadings is typically governed by 16 TAC § 22.74. However, the Commission's Second Order Suspending Rules (Commission's Second Order)¹ 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

¹ *Issues Related to the State of Disaster for the Coronavirus Disease*, Docket No. 50664, Second Order Suspending Rules (July 16, 2020).

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 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.**²

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

Signed at Austin, Texas on the 5th day of December 2023.

PUBLIC UTILITY COMMISSION OF TEXAS



SUSAN E. GOODSON

ADMINISTRATIVE LAW JUDGE

² *Id.*