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DOCKET NO. 55942

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

ORDER NO. 19
FINDING REFUNDS SUBSTANTIALLY COMPLETE, DISMISSING APPEAL, AND
CLOSING DOCKET

On December 4, 2024, the appealing ratepayers filed their appeal of the City of Rockport's increase of its water and wastewater rates charged to its outside-of-city customers effective September 15, 2023. By means of ordinances adopted on December 13, 2023, Rockport rescinded the rate increases and obligated itself to refund to affected customers the amounts over-collected between September 15, 2023 and December 13, 2023.

Rockport thereafter refunded affected ratepayers \$103,873.85 for water service and \$23,576.54 for wastewater service.

The administrative law judge (ALJ) subsequently required Rockport to provide information to confirm the sufficiency of refunds. Rockport thereupon made several filings in response, the most recent occurring on February 19, 2025. In their June 3, 2025 filing, the ratepayers state that they agree that Rockport has substantially provided the needed refunds to its outside-of-city customers and agree with closing this docket.

On June 18, 2025, Commission Staff recommended that Rockport's proof of refunds, as supplemented, is sufficient to demonstrate that it has substantially provided complete and correct refunds to the affected customers.

The ALJ finds that Rockport has substantially provided complete and correct refunds to its affected customers and that there are no other issues that need to be resolved in this docket.

Under 16 Texas Administrative Code (TAC) § 22.181(g)(1), the party that initiated a proceeding may withdraw its application without prejudice before it has presented its direct case. The ALJ construes the ratepayers' stated agreement to closing this docket made in their June 3,

2025 filing as a request to withdraw their appeal. The ALJ grants the request, dismisses the appeal without prejudice under 16 TAC § 22.181(g)(6), and closes this docket.

Signed at Austin, Texas on the 1st day of July 2025.

PUBLIC UTILITY COMMISSION OF TEXAS

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BRENNAN FOLEY
ADMINISTRATIVE LAW JUDGE