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RATEPAYERS' APPEAL OF THE	§	PUBLIC UTILITY COMMISSION
DECISION BY LEROY-TOURS-	§	
GERALD WATER SUPPLY	§	OF TEXAS
CORPORATION TO CHANGE RATES	§	

**COMMISSION STAFF'S RECOMMENDATION ON THE SUFFICIENCY OF NOTICE
AND PROPOSED PROCEDURAL SCHEDULE**

On May 14, 2024, ratepayers of Leroy-Tours-Gerald Water Supply Corporation (Leroy-Tours-Gerald WSC) filed an appeal of the decision by Leroy-Tours-Gerald WSC's board of directors to change water rates under Texas Water Code (TWC) § 13.043(b)(1) and 16 Texas Administrative Code (TAC) § 24.101(c)(1).

On June 25, 2024, the administrative law judge filed Order No. 3, directing the Staff (Staff) of the Public Utility Commission of Texas to file a recommendation on the sufficiency of notice and to propose a procedural schedule by July 1, 2024. Therefore, this pleading is timely filed.

I. RECOMMENDATION ON NOTICE

Pursuant to TWC § 13.043(c) and 16 TAC § 24.101(b), an appeal under TWC § 13.043(b) is initiated by filing a petition for review with the Commission and the entity providing service within 90 days after the effective date of the rate change. Staff recommends that the ratepayers did not file information in the docket confirming that a copy of the appeal was sent to Leroy-Tours-Gerald WSC within 90 days after the effective date of the rate change. However, Staff notes that Leroy-Tours-Gerald WSC filed an appearance, response to the petition, and proposed procedural schedule in this docket within 90 days after the effective date of the rate change. Therefore, Staff recommends Leroy-Tours-Gerald WSC received notice of the petition within 90 days after the effective date of the rate change, and further recommends that notice be found sufficient.

II. PROPOSED PROCEDURAL SCHEDULE

On June 11, 2024, Leroy-Tours-Gerald WSC filed a proposed procedural schedule, requesting to set a deadline of July 8, 2024, for Leroy-Tours-Gerald WSC to verify the signatures included in the petition. Therefore, Staff proposes the following procedural schedule for continued processing of this docket:

Event	Date
Deadline for Leroy-Tours-Gerald WSC to verify the signatures included in the appeal	July 8, 2024
Deadline for Staff to file a supplemental recommendation on the administrative completeness of the appeal	August 5, 2024

III. CONCLUSION

For the reasons detailed above, Staff recommends that notice be found sufficient and that the above-proposed procedural schedule be adopted. Staff respectfully requests the entry of an order consistent with Staff's recommendation.

Dated: July 1, 2024

Respectfully submitted,

**PUBLIC UTILITY COMMISSION OF TEXAS
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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I certify that unless otherwise ordered by the presiding officer, notice of the filing of this document will be provided to all parties of record via electronic mail on July 1, 2024, in accordance with the Second Order Suspending Rules, filed in Project No. 50664.

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