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<b>APPLICATION OF SOUTHWESTERN</b>	<b>§</b>	<b>PUBLIC UTILITY COMMISSION</b>
<b>PUBLIC SERVICE COMPANY TO</b>	<b>§</b>	
<b>IMPLEMENT A NET REFUND FOR</b>	<b>§</b>	<b>OF TEXAS</b>
<b>OVERCOLLECTED FUEL COSTS</b>	<b>§</b>	

**ORDER OF REFERRAL  
AND PRELIMINARY ORDER**

The Public Utility Commission of Texas refers this docket to the State Office of Administrative Hearings (SOAH) and requests the assignment of an administrative law judge (ALJ) to conduct a hearing and issue a proposal for decision if necessary to resolve any issues that are contested by the parties.

All subsequent pleadings in this docket must contain both the SOAH and the Commission docket numbers to allow for efficient processing. Filing of pleadings is governed by 16 Texas Administrative Code (TAC) § 22.71, and service is governed by 16 TAC § 22.74. However, under the Commission's Second Order Suspending Rules entered in Docket No. 50664,<sup>1</sup> all parties must file any pleading or document with the Commission solely through the Interchange on the Commission's website (<https://interchange.puc.texas.gov/filer>) and provide notice, by e-mail, to all other parties that the pleading or document has been filed with the Commission, unless otherwise ordered. It will be incumbent on all other parties to obtain a copy of the pleading or document by accessing the Interchange. When a party files a document with the Commission, that party is also required to serve (i.e., provide a copy of that document to) every other party. At this time, service must be accomplished by e-mail.

The Commission has delegated authority to Office of Policy and Docket Management to issue this Preliminary Order, which is required under Texas Government Code § 2003.049(e). The following issue must be addressed in this docket:

Does the proposed fuel refund comply with the applicable requirements of 16 TAC §§ 25.236(e) and 25.237, respectively?

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<sup>1</sup> *Issues Related to the State of Disaster for the Coronavirus Disease 2019*, Project No. 50664, Second Order Suspending Rules (July 16, 2020).

This Order is preliminary in nature and is entered without prejudice to any party expressing views contrary to this Order before the SOAH ALJ at hearing. The SOAH ALJ, upon his or her own motion or upon the motion of any party, may deviate from the non-dispositive rulings of this Order when circumstances dictate that it is reasonable to do so. Any ruling by the SOAH ALJ that deviates from this Order may be appealed to the Commission. The Commission will not address whether this Order should be modified except upon its own motion or the appeal of a SOAH ALJ's order. Furthermore, this Order is not subject to motions for rehearing or reconsideration.

**Signed at Austin, Texas the 4th day of October 2024.**

**PUBLIC UTILITY COMMISSION OF TEXAS**

**Electronically signed by Shelah Cisneros**  
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