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CAPTION: Docket No. 57445 – Petition of Heritage Cardiff

SPE, LLC Appealing the Decision of Northwest Harris County Municipal Utility District No. 36

to Change Rates

DESCRIPTION: Chairman Thomas Gleeson Memorandum

Public Utility Commission of Texas

Commissioner Memorandum

TO: Commissioner Kathleen Jackson

Commissioner Courtney K. Hilatman

FROM: Chairman Thomas J. Gleeson

DATE: April 23, 2025

RE: April 24, 2025 Open Meeting – Item No. 18

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On February 28, 2025, Northwest Harris County Municipal Utility District No. 36 filed an appeal of Order No. 4, which was filed by the Commission administrative law judge (ALJ) on February 18, 2025. For the reasons discussed below, I would deny the appeal of Order No. 4.

In Order No. 4, the Commission ALJ denied Northwest Harris County Municipal Utility District No. 36's motion to dismiss for lack of jurisdiction. Under Commission rule, dismissal "requires a hearing unless the facts necessary to support the dismissal are uncontested or are established as a matter of law." In this proceeding, outstanding issues of fact and law need to be resolved before determining jurisdiction. Therefore, I recommend upholding the Commission ALJ's decision to deny Northwest Harris County MUD's motion to dismiss and refer this docket to the State Office of Administrative Hearings.

However, I would clarify in Docket No. 56636,² the Commission did not determine whether or not moving Heritage Cardiff to the new rate class would trigger grounds to file a new appeal. That is an issue to be decided in this proceeding.

I look forward to discussing this matter with you at the open meeting.

^{1 16} TAC § 22.181(c).

² WGA Cardiff, LLC and Heritage Cardiff SPE, LLC's Appeal of the Decision by Northwest Harris County Municipal Utility District No. 36 to Change Rates, Docket No. 56636, Order (Oct. 3, 2024).