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## SOAH DOCKET NO. 473-20-0417 PUC DOCKET NO. 49603



APPLICATION OF UPSHUR RURAL
ELECTRIC COOPERATIVE
CORPORATION TO AMEND ITS
CERTIFICATE OF CONVENIENCE
AND NECESSITY FOR A 138-KV
TRANSMISSION LINE IN HARRISON
COUNTY (HALLSVILLE - GUM
SPRINGS)

BEFORE THE STATE OFFICE

**OF** 

**ADMINISTRATIVE HEARINGS** 

# SECOND JOINT MOTION FOR CONTINUANCE 1

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**NOW COMES** Upshur Rural Electric Cooperative Corporation ("URECC") and files this Second Joint Motion for Continuance and would show the following:

#### I. Motion for Continuance

SOAH Order No. 10 continued the hearing on the merits to June 15-17, 2020. Because concerns continue related to COVID-19, URECC, the Staff of the Public Utility Commission, and a number of intervenors (collectively, the "Joint Movants") hereby request the hearing on the merits be continued to a date in mid-August 2020. The Joint Movants also request the "Deadline for Parties to Identify Witnesses They Wish to Cross-Examine" be set for one week before the hearing on the merits begins.<sup>2</sup> As previously represented, URECC is willing to extend the statutory deadline on a day-for-day basis for each day the hearing on the merits is delayed from the original starting date of March 30, 2020.

A telephonic prehearing conference may be scheduled to set the hearing on the merits date if the Administrative Law Judges determine such a conference would be necessary or administratively efficient.



<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> URECC was not able to contact all parties to this proceeding; however, URECC communicated with parties for whom it had contact information readily available. Parties joining this motion are listed below.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> For example, if the hearing on the merits is scheduled to begin on August 17, 2020, the deadline for parties to identify witnesses they wish to cross-examine would be August 10, 2020.

URECC is authorized to represent the following parties support this request: PUC Staff, Cherry Ridge Ranch LLC and 4-Sight Operating Company, LTD, BMWB Coalition, and Christopher Tucker.<sup>3</sup>

Res	pectfully	Subn	nitted.
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### **CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE**

I hereby certify that a true and correct copy of the above and foregoing document was hand delivered, mailed, emailed, or posted on the PUC Interchange this 15th day of May, 2020 to/for all parties of record.

/s/ Jacob Lawler
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<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>3</sup> Additionally, the following parties have stated they do not oppose the request: Mitchell and Robin Fortner, and Clyde W. (Bill) and Anna St. Amant. Above-signed counsel is unaware of any party who opposes this request. At least one party noted unavailability on August 21, 2020 due to the Public Utility Law Section meeting.