



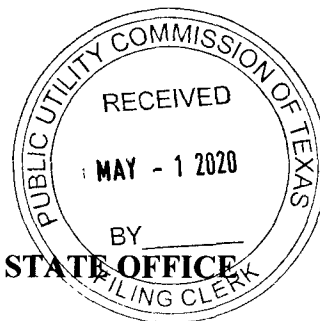
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APPLICATION OF SOUTHWESTERN
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AUTHORITY TO CHANGE RATES

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BEFORE THE STATE OFFICE
OF
ADMINISTRATIVE HEARINGS

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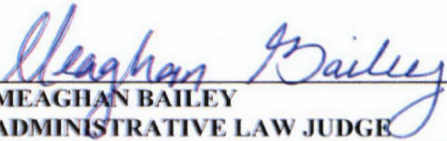
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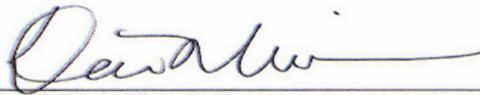
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address the remaining contested issues, and whether the parties anticipate proceeding to hearing on May 11, 2020.


SIGNED May 1, 2020.


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