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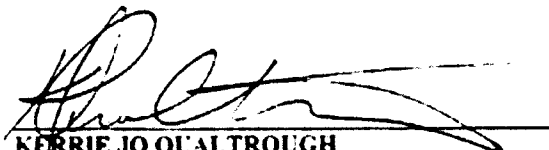
BEFORE THE STATE OFFICE  
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SOAH ORDER NO. 4  
GRANTING MOTION FOR INDEFINITE SUSPENSION  
OF PROCEDURAL SCHEDULE

On April 4, 2012, El Paso Electric Company (EPE) filed a motion requesting an indefinite suspension of the procedural deadlines in this case to facilitate settlement discussions. EPE represented that the following parties supported the request: Texas Industrial Energy Consumers; the State Agencies; Office of Public Utility Counsel; Commercial Metals Company; ArcelorMittal Vinton, Inc.; Freeport-McMoran Copper & Gold, Inc.; the Staff of the Public Utility Commission of Texas; Wal-Mart Stores Texas, LLC; and Sam's East, Inc. EPE stated that in support of the suspension, it had agreed to the extension of its effective date day-for-day for the period of suspension. The Administrative Law Judge agrees with the parties that the motion should be granted.

Therefore, it is ordered that all aspects of this proceeding are indefinitely suspended effective April 4, 2012, including all procedural and discovery deadlines. This indefinite suspension also includes the suspension of discovery deadlines for motions to compel, objections, and responses. It is further ordered that the effective date is extended day-for-day for the period of suspension, pursuant to P.U.C. PROC. R. 22.33(c).

SIGNED April 6, 2012.

  
KERRIE JO QUALTROUGH  
ADMINISTRATIVE LAW JUDGE  
STATE OFFICE OF ADMINISTRATIVE HEARINGS

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