

Decision No. R20-0709-I

BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF COLORADO

PROCEEDING NO. 20F-0243E

UTILITIES BOARD OF THE CITY OF LAMAR,

COMPLAINANT,

V.

SOUTHEAST COLORADO POWER ASSOCIATION,

RESPONDENT.

**INTERIM DECISION OF
ADMINISTRATIVE LAW JUDGE
CONOR F. FARLEY
GRANTING UNOPPOSED MOTION TO ACCEPT
ANSWER TESTIMONY OF HOUSSIN HOURIEH**

Mailed Date: October 6, 2020

I. STATEMENT

A. Relevant Background

1. On June 2, 2020, Utilities Board of the City of Lamar (LUB) filed a formal complaint against Southeast Colorado Power Association (SECPA).
2. On June 24, 2020, SECPA filed its Answer and Counterclaims.
3. On July 14, 2020, LUB filed its Reply to SECPA's Counterclaims.
4. On August 7, 2020, the Administrative Law Judge (ALJ) held the prehearing conference scheduled in Decision No. R20-0547-I which was issued on July 29, 2020.

5. On August 13, 2020, the ALJ issued Decision No. R20-0595-I that scheduled the remote hearing for November 9 and 10, 2020 and established the prehearing schedule, which included a deadline of September 21, 2020 for filing answer testimony.

6. On September 21, 2020, LUB filed the answer testimony of Douglas A. Thrall.

7. On September 22, 2020, LUB filed the answer testimony of Houssin Hourieh and an Unopposed Motion to Accept the Answer Testimony of Mr. Hourieh (Unopposed Motion).

B. Unopposed Motion

8. In the Unopposed Motion, LUB explains that the late-filing of Mr. Hourieh's answer testimony was the result of an error made by LUB's counsel who had not realized until September 22, 2020 that his attempt to file the testimony on September 21, 2020 had been unsuccessful. SECPA does not oppose the Unopposed Motion.

C. Analysis

9. LUB has stated good cause to grant the Unopposed Motion. Accordingly, the Unopposed Motion shall be granted.

II. ORDER

A. It Is Ordered That:

1. The Unopposed Motion to Accept the Answer Testimony of Houssin Hourieh filed on September 22, 2020 is granted.

2. This Decision is effective immediately.

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THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION
OF THE STATE OF COLORADO

CONOR F. FARLEY

Administrative Law Judge

ATTEST: A TRUE COPY

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Doug Dean".

Doug Dean,
Director