



# CITY OF HOUSTON

Administration & Regulatory Affairs

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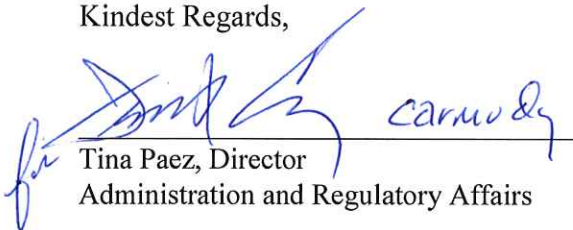
**Subject:** Request that the —Ordinance  
Relating to Investor-Owned Water  
Utility Rates for Elderly Customers  
be noted as non-tagable for the  
December 19, 2017 Council Agenda

ARA is requesting that the agenda item, an ordinance relating to the investor owned water utility rates for elderly customers, be noted as non-tagable for the December 19, 2017 council agenda. State law requires the Public Utility Commission (PUC or Commission) and other regulatory authorities, including the City, to adopt rules necessary to implement House Bill 1083 no later than December 31, 2017.

ARA was prepared to submit the ordinance for City Council's consideration during the December 13, 2017 council meeting, allowing for the standard two-week window for a tag week. However, PUC staff recently informed ARA staff that the corresponding PUC rules will not be considered by the Commission until the December 14, 2017 PUC Open Meeting. The City's proposed ordinance defers to Commission rules. The proposed ordinance will require utilities choosing to establish an elderly rate reduction program to comply with the rules adopted by the PUC. Therefore, the late consideration of the PUC rules, requires ARA to delay consideration of the City's proposed ordinance until December 19, 2017.

Since there is no council meeting the week of December 25, 2017, moving the item to the December 19, 2017 agenda will render the item non tagable, if the City is to meet the State prescribed deadline of December 31, 2017 for adoption of the rules.

Kindest Regards,

  
Tina Paez, Director  
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