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AUSTIN ENERGY'S TARIFF PACKAGE: 2015 COST OF SERVICE STUDY AND PROPOSAL TO CHANGE BASE ELECTRIC RATES

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NOTICE OF APPEARANCES FOR THE INDEPENDENT CONSUMER ADVOCATE

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On February 25, 2016, the Austin City Council approved a contract for John B. Coffman LLC to serve as the Independent Consumer Advocate ("ICA") during the current review of Austin Energy's retail electric rates. In this role, the ICA is tasked with the responsibility to provide testimony, analysis, and recommendations on Austin Energy's cost of service and rate structure throughout this proceeding.

The Rule describe the ICA as "the individual or group of individuals hired by the City to represent the interests of the residential and small commercial customer classes and Houses of Worship in the electric rate setting process". Impartial Hearing Examiner's Procedural Rules, §1.2(h).

The ICA hereby provides the following appearances:

As of February 26, 2016, John B. Coffman is making an appearance as an Authorized Representative for the ICA. Service of all pleadings, papers, and documents required to be served in this proceeding should be served on John B. Coffman at <u>john@johncoffman.net</u>. Mr. Coffman will be serving as the lead Authorized Representative for the ICA.

As of this date, **Clarence Johnson** will also be serving as an Authorized Representative for the ICA. Mr. Johnson will be serving as a testifying expert witness in this proceeding. Service of all pleadings, papers, and documents required to be served in this proceeding should be served on Mr. Johnson at <u>cienergyconsult@att.net</u>.

As of this date, Janee Briesemeister will also be serving as an Authorized Representative for the ICA. Service of all pleadings, papers, and documents required to be served in this proceeding should be served on Ms. Briesemeister at janeebrie@gmail.com.

All three of the authorized representatives listed above plan to attend the prehearing conference that has been scheduled for March 4, 2016. At that time, the ICA intends to offer its perspective on the procedural schedule and the list of issues for this proceeding. Since it has only been allowed to start working on this rate review as of

today's date, the ICA reserves the right to request some extension or accommodation with regard to the current procedural schedule.

Respectfully submitted,

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(Signature of Party or Party's Authorized Representative)

John B. Coffman (Printed Name of Party or Party's Authorized Representative)

Missouri Bar No. 36591 (State Bar Number if Party or Party's Auth. Rep. is an attorney)

February 26, 2016 (Date Submitted)

CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

The forgoing filing has been served upon all email addresses contained in the official Service List for this proceeding as found on the website for the Office of the City Clerk's website on this 26th day of February, 2016.