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APPLICATION OF DOUGLAS UTILITY COMPANY TO CHANGE WATER AND SEWER RATE/TARIFF IN HARRIS COUNTY, TEXAS BEFORE THE STATE OFFICE

OF

ADMINISTRATIVE HEARINGS

## **MOTION TO ABATE**

COMES NOW Douglas Utilities (Douglas) which files this Motion to Abate and would show the following:

Mr. Mark Zeppa, counsel for Douglas, is currently a patient in St. David's rehab facility under treatment for a neurological disorder. He has been unable to work in his office for the last two weeks, and he has been informed that his rehab will take several weeks. At this time, he is uncertain as to when he might be able to return to work.

Douglas would request that this docket be abated indefinitely. At such time as Mr. Zeppa can return to work, he will contact all parties to request that the abatement be lifted. We have spoken to representatives of all parties. Mr. Haag, Mr. Wolff, and PUC Staff object to an indefinite abatement.

This Motion is filed not for purposes of delaying the docket but only to allow Mr. Zeppa sufficient time to recover to provide capable representation to his client as the case moves forward.

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Dated: June 17, 2015

Respectfully submitted,

DOUGLAS UTILITY COMPANY

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## **CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE**

I certify that on  $\frac{17}{17}$ , 2015, a copy of this documents will be served on all parties of record in accordance with P.U.C. Procedural Rule 22.74.

Mark H. Zeppa