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WATER RATE/TARIFF CHANGE APPLICATION OF ENCHANTED HARBOR UTILITY, CERTIFICATE OF CONVENIENCE AND NECESSITY NO. 12683, IN CALHOUN COUNTY, TEXAS ZOIS MAY 26 AM 10: 02 BEFORE THE STATE OFFICE PODLIC UTILITY COMMODIUM FILING CLERK OF

ADMINISTRATIVE HEARINGS

STATUS REPORT

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COMES NOW the Staff of the Public Utility Commission of Texas (Staff), representing the public interest and files this Status Report.

On July 29, 2014, a preliminary hearing was held for this matter. Administrative Law Judge Rebecca Smith took jurisdiction and admitted the following as parties to this proceeding: (1) Enchanted Harbor Utility; (2) the Executive Director (ED) of the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality (Commission or TCEQ); and ratepayers Keith L. Smith, Anne Clark, and Evelyn Saucier. On the same day, the parties commenced mediation that lasted throughout the month of August. In the final days of TCEQ's jurisdiction over water utility matters, the parties reached and signed a settlement agreement. On August 27, 2014, Enchanted Harbor Utility filed an uncontested Motion to Remand to the TCEQ with the settlement agreement attached. Since that time, Staff has been working with the parties to finalize the settlement and has filed status updates with SOAH accordingly. Staff files this Status Report to request additional time for review.

Pursuant to House Bill 1600 and Senate Bill 567, 83rd Legislature, this matter was transferred to the Public Utility Commission as of September 1, 2014. Because of the procedural complexities involved with the transfer, Staff requests that Your Honor abstain from ruling on the Motion to Remand in order to provide Staff adequate time to review the case and proposed settlement. Staff and the utility have developed draft settlement testimony and are working to create a proposed settlement order. Staff endeavors to process the case as quickly as possible; however, in the event no action is taken by July 14, 2015, Staff requests the ability to file a status

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update at that time. Staff has attempted to contact Enchanted Harbor Utility, Keith Smith, Anne Clark, and Evelyn Saucier. No party has objected, but as of the filing of this Status Report, Staff has not heard back from Mrs. Clark or Mr. Smith.

Respectfully Submitted,

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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I certify that a copy of this document will be served on all parties of record on May 26, 2015 in accordance with P.U.C. Procedural Rule 22.74.

Douglas M. Brown, Attorney