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WATER RATE/TARIFF CHANGE	§	BEFORE THE STATE OFFICE 6 OCT	7	PM
APPLICATION OF ENCHANTED HARBOR UTILITY, CERTIFICATE	§ §	OF PUBLIC UTIL	ITY ig c	COM LERI
OF CONVENIENCE AND NECESSITY NO. 12683, IN CALHOUN COUNTY, TEXAS	§ § 8	ADMINISTRATIVE HEARINGS		
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STATUS REPORT

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. An Administrative Law of the State Office of Administrative Hearings (SOAH) 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. On September 10, 2014, Staff filed a Status Report with SOAH requesting more time to review the settlement. Staff files this Status Report to request additional time for review.

The parties have renewed efforts to finalize a settlement in this matter. Staff recently shared a proposed settlement package with the Applicant, which it will also circulate with the Protestants/Intervenors for approval. If all parties agree on a proposed settlement package, itt will be file with SOAH with a motion to remand to the Commission. Staff requests the ability to file an agreed upon settlement package or a status update by December 17, 2016.

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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 October 17, 2016 in accordance with P.U.C. Procedural Rule 22.74.

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