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WATER RATE/TARIFF CHANGE	§	BEFORE THE STATE OFFICE THIS JUN PUBLIC FULL STATE OFFICE
APPLICATION OF ENCHANTED	§	FILING CLERN
HARBOR UTILITY, CERTIFICATE	§	OF
OF CONVENIENCE AND NECESSITY	§	
NO. 12683, IN CALHOUN COUNTY,	§	
TEXAS	§	ADMINISTRATIVE HEARINGS

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 Judge (ALJ) from 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 (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 TCEO 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, and now Staff and the Applicant are scheduling a phone conference to finalize the details of the settlement package, so that the settlement documents can be circulated with the protestants/intervenors for approval. If all parties agree on a proposed settlement package, it 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 February 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 December 16, 2016 in accordance with 16 Tex. Admin. Code § 22.74.

Douglas M. Brown, Attorney