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WATER RATE/TARIFF CHANGE APPLICATION OF ENCHANTED HARBOR UTILITY, CERTIFICATE OF CONVENIENCE AND NECESSITY NO. 12683, IN CALHOUN COUNTY, TEXAS BEFORE THE STATE OFFICE OF<sup>PUBLIC-UTILITY COMMISSION</sup>

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**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 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 spoke to a representative of Enchanted Harbor on February 16, 2017. The representative proposed to provide Staff with edits to the proposed settlement package by February 21, 2017. 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 March 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 February

17, 2017 in accordance with 16 Tex. Admin. Code § 22.74.

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