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# COMMISSION STAFF'S MOTION TO CONSOLIDATE PUC DOCKET NOS. 42857 AND 42867

**COMES NOW** the Staff (Staff) of the Public Utility Commission of Texas (PUC), representing the public interest and files this Motion to Consolidate PUC Docket Nos. 42857 and 42867.

PUC Docket No. 42857 (Water Rate Case)—referred to State Office of Administrative Hearings (SOAH) on May 14, 2013—deals with Petitioners' appeal of the City of Austin's (City) water rates. PUC Docket No. 42867 (Wastewater Rate Case)—referred to SOAH on April 11, 2014—is an appeal by Petitioners of the City's wastewater rates. Initially, the Water Rate Case

was assigned SOAH Docket No. 582-13-4617 and the Wastewater Case was assigned SOAH Docket No. 582-14-3145. However, on May 29, 2014, the SOAH Administrative Law Judge consolidated these cases in SOAH Order No. 9 for purposes of processing this case at SOAH into SOAH Docket No. 473-14-5138. Therefore, Staff respectfully requests that PUC Docket Nos. 42857 and 42867 also be consolidated.

Staff notes that while the petitioner parties in these cases are almost identical, there is one distinction. The Travis County Water Control and Improvement District No. 10 is not a party to PUC Docket No. 42867 (wastewater rates).

The petitioners in PUC Docket No. 42857 (water rates) are: North Austin Utility District No. 1, Northtown Municipal Utility District, Wells Branch Municipal Utility District, and the Travis County Water Control and Improvement District No. 10.

The petitioners in PUC Docket No. 42867 are North Austin Municipal Utility District No. 1, Northtown Municipal Utility District, and Wells Branch Municipal Utility District.

#### **PRAYER**

Based on the foregoing, Staff respectfully requests that an order be issued consolidating PUC Docket Nos. 42857 and 42867.

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 15, 2014 in accordance with P.U.C. Procedural Rule 22.74.

Hollis Henley