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**COMMISSION STAFF'S MOTION TO CONSOLIDATE**

COMES NOW, Staff (Staff) of the Public Utility Commission of Texas (PUC) and files this Commission Staff's Motion to Consolidate.

**I. PROCEDURAL HISTORY**

On March 28, 2014, Ratepayers of La Salle WCID 1-A (La Salle) filed with the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality (TCEQ) a petition to appeal the water and sewer rates established by La Salle in Calhoun, County, Texas pursuant to TEX. WATER CODE ANN. § 13.043. The TCEQ assigned this matter two Application Numbers, one for appeal of the water rate (37901-A) and one for sewer (37902-A). Once this matter was transferred from the jurisdiction of the TCEQ to the PUC, it was assigned two separate docket numbers, one for each application number.

## **II. MOTION TO CONSOLIDATE**

Staff requests consolidation of Docket Nos. 42912 and 42913. P.U.C. SUBST. R. 22.34(a) states:

Proceedings may be consolidated if the presiding officer finds that: the proceedings involve common questions of law or fact; consolidation would serve the interest of efficiency or prevent unwarranted expense and delay; and, the applicant's ability to present its case and other parties' ability to respond to the applicant's case are not unduly prejudiced. Proceedings shall be consolidated if requested based on the agreement of all parties, and if such consolidation would not unreasonably curtail the time available to process one or more of the proceedings proposed for consolidation.

Staff requests that Docket Nos. 42912 and 42913 be consolidated into one docket for the reason that both docket numbers involve identical parties and materialized from a singular petition. The dockets therefore involve common questions of law and fact, and consolidation would serve the interest of efficiency without prejudicing any present or future parties. Additionally, Staff has contacted the Ratepayers' representative Port O' Connor Watchdog Group, LLC and La Salle, who both approve of consolidating Docket Nos. 42912 and 42913.

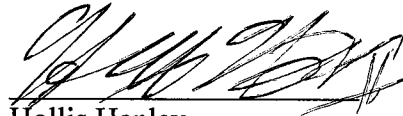
## **III. PRAYER FOR RELIEF**

Based on the foregoing, Staff respectfully requests that an order be issued consolidating PUC Docket Nos. 42912 and 42913.

Respectfully Submitted,

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I certify that a copy of this document will be served on all parties of record on  
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