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APPLICATION OF THE CITY OF §
DORCHESTER TO AMEND A §
CERTIFICATE OF CONVENIENCE AND §
NECESSITY IN GRAYSON COUNTY §
(37917-C) §

BEFORE THE STATE OFFICE

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ADMINISTRATIVE HEARINGS

SOAH ORDER NO. 8
GRANTING INTERVENTION,
GRANTING ABATEMENT AND REQUIRING STATUS REPORT

On July 25, 2016, the Administrative Law Judge (ALJ) convened a prehearing conference on the Application of the City of Dorchester to amend a Certificate of Convenience and Necessity in Grayson County (Application). Appearing at the Prehearing Conference were: Emily Rogers for the City of Dorchester (Dorchester); Douglas Brown for the Staff of the Public Utility Commission of Texas (Commission); Joe Shephard for the City of Howe; and Angela Stepherson for Walton Texas, LP, (Walton) appearing by telephone.

On June 23, 2016, Walton filed a motion to intervene. Walton's motion indicates it "owns the bulk of land proposed to be included in the City of Dorchester's Certificate of Convenience and Necessity," and Walton has requested water service from Dorchester. At the July 25, 2016 prehearing conference, the parties represented that there was no opposition to Walton's Motion to Intervene.

The ALJ finds that Walton has demonstrated a justiciable interest. Therefore, Walton's motion to intervene is **GRANTED**.

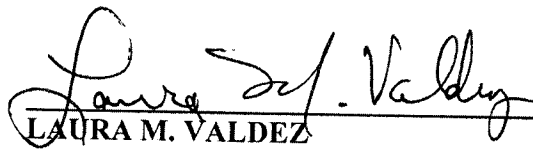
Further, at the July 25, 2016 prehearing conference the Commission requested an abatement of the matter for 60 days. In its request, the Commission indicated that the additional time would provide the parties an opportunity to discuss possible settlement of issues in this case, and would also allow the parties an opportunity to discuss a procedural schedule. Finally, the Commission states that within 60 days the parties will file a status report regarding the state

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of negotiations and if necessary, would present a proposed procedural schedule. The parties represented that they are in agreement with the Commission's request.

Accordingly, the Administrative Law Judge finds the Commission's request to have merit and the request to abate the case is **GRANTED**. The case is hereby **ABATED** for 60 days. The Commission and the parties shall file a status report in this case by **SEPTEMBER 23, 2016**. If the case has not settled by that date, the Commission will file a status report including a proposed procedural schedule that will facilitate the timely completion of this docket.

SIGNED July 26, 2016.



LAURA M. VALDEZ
ADMINISTRATIVE LAW JUDGE
STATE OFFICE OF ADMINISTRATIVE HEARINGS