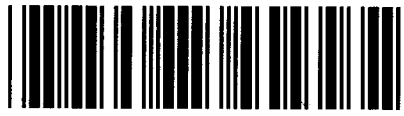


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APPLICATION OF CONSUMERS
WATER INC. FOR PASS THROUGH
RATE CHANGE (37836-R)

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COMMISSION STAFF'S MOTION FOR AN EXTENSION

Commission Staff (Staff) of the Public Utility Commission of Texas (Commission) files this Motion for an Extension. Staff requests that the Commission extend the deadline to file Staff's final recommendation from December 15, 2014 to January 5, 2015. In support of its Motion for an Extension, Staff states the following:

I. Background

On January 27, 2014, Consumers Water Inc. (Consumers Water) filed with the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality (TCEQ) its application for a pass through rate increase. Consumers Water requests approval of a pass through rate increase in order to reflect a \$1.37 per one thousand gallon fee increase assessed by the City of Houston. The pass through rate increase will only affect customers in the Meadowlake Estates system. The effective date of the pass through increase is March 3, 2014.

On January 31, 2014, Consumers Water sent notice to its customers regarding the pass through rate increase.¹

On July 30, 2014, TCEQ sent Consumers Water a letter stating that the application had been accepted for filing. The letter also stated that the application was still subject to a technical review.

On September 1, 2014, the processing of Consumers Water's application was transferred to the Commission.

On September 29, 2014, the Administrative Law Judge issued notice that required Staff to file a status update or a proposed procedural schedule by October 20, 2014.

On October 20, 2014, Staff filed its Status Update. In its Status Update, Staff determined that Consumers Water's application and notice were sufficient. Staff additionally proposed a procedural schedule.

¹ Consumers Water filed its application with the TCEQ and sent notice to all affected customers prior to the September 1, 2014 transfer. Thus, the application filing and notice procedure were governed by the rules in effect at the time the application was filed and the notice was sent.

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On October 22, 2014, the Administrative Law Judge issued notice that approved Staff's proposed procedural schedule. This notice required Staff to file its final recommendation on Consumers Waters' application by December 15, 2014.

II. Request for an Extension

The Commission's procedural rules permit deadlines to be extended upon a showing of good cause.² There is good cause in this proceeding because Staff needs additional time to conduct a thorough review of the requested pass through rate increase. Consumers Water currently has another application for a pass through rate increase pending before the Commission.³ This other application requests approval of a pass through rate increase for the Greengate Acres and Springmont systems, two systems that are in the same service area that encompasses the Meadowlake Estates system. Staff needs additional time to ensure that the pass through rate has been appropriately calculated only for the Meadowlake Estates system.

Given the impending holiday season, Staff requests that the Commission extend Staff's deadline to file a final recommendation from December 15, 2014 to January 5, 2015. This additional time will permit Staff to complete its review of Consumers Water's application. To the extent possible, Staff will file its final recommendation earlier than the requested January 5, 2015 deadline.

III. Conclusion

Staff requests that the Commission grant this Motion for an Extension and extend Staff's deadline to file a final recommendation from December 15, 2014 to January 5, 2015.

² P.U.C. PROC. R. 22.4(b).

³ *Application of Consumers Water, Inc. for a Rate/Tariff Change (37862-R)*, Docket No. 3090 (pending).

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