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APPLICATION OF COMMUNITY WATER SERVICE, INC. AND WALTER J. CARROLL FOR SALE, TRANSFER, OR MERGER OF	& & & & &	STATE OFFICE OF AMINISTRATIVE FILING CLERN
FACILITIES AND CERIFICATE RIGHTS IN ELLIS COUNTY (37981- S)	\$ \$	HEARINGS

JOINT MOTION TO ABATE PROCEDURAL SCHEDULE

TO THE HONORABLE LILO D. POMERLEAU:

COMES NOW the Staff of the Public Utility Commission of Texas (Staff), representing the public interest, and files this Joint Motion to Abate Procedural Schedule. Staff states the following:

On March 12, 2015, a prehearing conference was convened before the State Office of Administrative Hearings (SOAH) for the above referenced matter. SOAH Order No. 2 memorialized the prehearing conference, and Administrative Law Judge (ALJ) Lilo D. Pomerleau instructed Staff to file a proposed procedural schedule. SOAH Order No. 3 adopted the procedural schedule agreed to by the parties and provided that a hearing on the merits be held on August 20, 2015.

On July 16, 2015, all the parties engaged in a settlement conference, and the parties were able to negotiate a tentative settlement. In an effort to save the parties time and mitigate expenses while they attempt to finalize the terms of a settlement agreement, the parties request that the current procedural schedule be abated. By August 20, 2015, the parties propose to file a status update or a motion to reinstate an amended procedural schedule if a final settlement is not ultimately reached.

The parties respectfully request an expedited ruling on this motion, as the procedural schedule currently in place contains deadlines that are fast approaching.

Staff conferred with Walter J. Carrol Water Company, the City of Red Oak, and Community Water during the settlement conference regarding this motion, and no parties object.

Respectfully Submitted,

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I certify that a copy of this document will be served on all parties of record on July 16,

2015 in accordance with 16 Tex. Admin. Code § 22.74.

Douglas M. Brown