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APPLICATION OF THE CITY OF SCHERTZ TO AMEND ITS SEWER CERTIFICATE OF CONVENIENCE AND NECESSITY IN BEXAR COUNTY (37913-C) PUBLIC UTILITY COMMISSION

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COMMISSION STAFF'S RESPONSE TO ORDER NO. 12 AND REQUEST FOR AN EXTENSION

COMES NOW the Staff of the Public Utility Commission of Texas (Staff), representing the public interest, and files this Commission Staff's Response to Order No. 12 and Request for an Extension. In support thereof, Staff shows the following:

I. BACKGROUND

On May 9, 2014, the City of Schertz (the City) filed an application to amend its sewer certificate of convenience and necessity (CCN) No. 20271 in Bexar County, Texas with the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality (TCEQ). The City requests to amend its CCN by obtaining dual certification for the proposed area, which is currently held by the San Antonio River Authority (SARA). On September 1, 2014, the economic regulation of water and wastewater utilities was transferred from the TCEQ to the Public Utility Commission of Texas (Commission).

In Order No. 12, issued October 14, 2015, the Commission administrative law judge (ALJ) ordered Staff to file a recommendation on the amended application or request a new procedural schedule by November 19, 2015.

II. REQUEST FOR EXTENSION

Pursuant to 16 Tex. Admin. Code (TAC) § 22.4(b), Staff may request that the time allowed for filing any documents be extended for good cause. Staff has discovered several inconsistencies in the maps provided with the City's application, predominantly related to overlapping boundaries between districts and service areas. Staff intends to meet with the City to address these mapping issues and will require additional time to review anticipated changes prior to submitting its final recommendation. Therefore, Staff requests that the ALJ find good cause to extend Staff's deadline to file a recommendation to December 15, 2015. Staff has communicated with the City and is authorized to represent that the City does not oppose Staff's request for an extension.

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III. CONCLUSION

For the reasons stated above, Staff respectfully requests the entry of an order extending Staff's deadline to file a recommendation on the amended application or to request a new procedural schedule to December 15, 2015.

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DOCKET NO. 43253 CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I certify that a copy of this document will be served on all parties of record November 18, 2015, in accordance with 16 TAC \S 22.74.

Matthew Arth