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**APPLICATION OF CITY OF BELTON §
TO AMEND ITS CERTIFICATES OF §
CONVENIENCE AND NECESSITY AND §
TO DECERTIFY A PORTION OF DOG §
RIDGE WATER SUPPLY §
CORPORATION IN BELL COUNTY §**

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**STAFF'S RESPONSE TO ORDER NO. 1 AND MOTION FOR GOOD CAUSE
EXCEPTION TO P.U.C. SUBST. R. 24.8**

COMES NOW the Staff (Staff) of the Public Utility Commission of Texas (Commission), representing the public interest, and files this Response to Order No. 1 and Motion for Good Cause Exception to P.U.C. SUBST. R. 24.8, and would show the following:

I. Background

On November 12, 2014, the City of Belton (Belton) filed with the Public Utility Commission of Texas (Commission) an application to amend its water and sewer certificates of convenience and necessity (CCN) in Bell County, Texas. On November 14, 2014, Order No. 1 was issued which required that Staff, pursuant to P.U.C. SUBST. R. 24.8(a), shall file comments on the administrative completeness of the application and proposed notice by December 1, 2014. Order No. 1 also required that Belton and Staff shall file comments on regarding how this petition should be processed and propose a procedural schedule by the same date.

II. Request for Good Cause Exception

Staff requests a good cause exception to P.U.C. SUBST. R. 24.8, which requires Staff to review an application for administrative completeness within ten working days from receipt of the application. Staff respectfully requests that good cause be found to extend the deadline in P.U.C. SUBST. R. 24.8 to thirty calendar days from the receipt of the application. Staff's review of CCN applications pursuant to P.U.C. SUBST. R. 24.8 is a meticulous, time intensive practice, and Staff has limited resources available for processing these applications within a ten working day time span. In order to afford Staff the opportunity to provide a thorough analysis of this


application, Staff respectfully requests the date for Staff's recommendation on whether the application is administratively complete be extended to thirty calendar days from the receipt of application. At that time, Staff and Belton will also file comments on regarding how this petition should be processed and propose a procedural schedule.

Dated: November 20, 2014

Respectfully Submitted,

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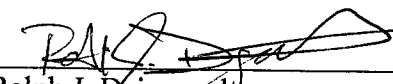
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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I certify that a copy of this document will be served on all parties of record on November 20, 2014, in accordance with P.U.C. Procedural Rule 22.74.



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