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**APPLICATION OF PALO DURO
SERVICE COMPANY, INC.
TO AMEND ITS CERTIFICATE
OF CONVENIENCE AND
NECESSITY IN PARKER
AND WISE COUNTIES**

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**BEFORE THE

STATE OFFICE OF

ADMINISTRATIVE HEARINGS**

CITY OF FORT WORTH'S COMMENTS AND LIST OF ISSUES

To the Honorable Administrative Law Judge:

On February 9, 2015, Palo Duro Service Company, Inc. ("Palo Duro") filed an application with the Public Utility Commission of Texas ("PUC") to amend its retail water certificate of convenience and necessity ("CCN") No. 12200 in Parker and Wise Counties. Palo Duro seeks to amend its CCN to, among other things, include the Aledo Ridge subdivision tract in its certificated retail water service area. On June 25, 2015, the City of Fort Worth ("Fort Worth") filed a request for hearing in this docket based on its objection to including the Aledo Ridge subdivision in Palo Duro's CCN service area. On July 16, 2015 a PUC Order of Referral directed that any interested party may file with the PUC a list of issues to be addressed in this docket by July 30, 2015. Under SOAH Order No. 1 a telephonic preliminary hearing has been scheduled for August 4, 2015.

The City hereby advises SOAH and PUC that Fort Worth and Palo Duro have been engaging in settlement discussions and Fort Worth believes that a settlement is close to being finalized. Under such settlement, Fort Worth would withdraw its request for hearing. However, due to vacation schedules with key Fort Worth staff, it may not be possible to finalize a settlement until after August 4, 2015.

In the event a settlement is not reached, Fort Worth reiterates by reference its concerns

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about Palo Duro's application as set forth in its June 25, 2015 request for hearing (Item No. 14 on the PUC Interchange web site).

WHEREFORE, the City of Fort Worth requests that the Honorable SOAH Administrative Law Judge consider these comments and referenced list of issues.

Respectfully submitted,

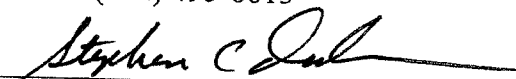
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**CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE
PUC DOCKET NO. 43455**

I hereby certify that a true and correct copy of the foregoing document has been served on all Parties record on this 30th day of July, 2015 in accordance with PUC Rule 22.74.



Stephen C. Dickman