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#### **SOAH DOCKET NO. 582-09-4288**

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APPLICATION OF DOUBLE
DIAMOND UTILITIES COMPANY,
INC. TO CHANGE WATER RATE
TARIFF FOR SERVICE IN HILL, PALO
PINTO, AND JOHNSON COUNTIES

BEFORE 20HDSTATE OFFICE
PUBLIC UTILITY COMMISSION
OFFIGE CLERK

**ADMINISTRATIVE HEARINGS** 

# JOINT MOTION TO WITHDRAW TESTIMONY AND STIPULATE AGREED RATES FOR THE WHITE BLUFF AND THE RETREAT SUBDIVISIONS

TO THE HONORABLE ADMINSTRATIVE LAW JUDGE:

Double Diamond Utilities, Co. ("DDU"), The Retreat Homeowners Group ("TRHG") and Lou Storm, John Bass, Karen Williams, Thomas Gibson and John Weatherman (collectively, the "WBSR"), (DDU, TRHG, and WBSR collectively referred to as the "Parties") file this Joint Motion to Withdraw Testimony and Stipulate Agreed Rates for the White Bluff and The Retreat subdivisions. The Executive Director of Texas Commission on Environmental Quality ("ED") and the Office of Public Interest Counsel of the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality ("OPIC") have reviewed the agreed upon rates and have no objections to issuance of an order imposing those rates within the White Bluff and The Retreat subdivisions.

#### I. BACKGROUND

DDU and TRHG entered into an agreement as of July 21, 2010 settling their disputes regarding this proceeding and SOAH Docket No. 582-09-6112 and TCEQ Docket No. 2009-1264-UCR, which relate to sewer utility rates ("Sewer Docket"). DDU also entered into an agreement with WBSR effective June 25, 2010 regarding rates under this proceeding and the Sewer Docket.

The parties to this motion now desire to withdraw certain testimony and pleadings that have been filed in this proceeding and stipulate to certain rates for The Retreat subdivision and the White Bluff subdivision.

#### II. WITHDRAWAL OF TESTIMONY

- A. WBSR hereby withdraws all of its testimony filed in this docket, including the testimony filed by Nelissa Heddin on March 29, 2010.
- B. To the extent any documents filed by TRHG can be construed to be testimony in this docket, TRHG hereby withdraws that testimony in its entirety.
  - C. DDU hereby withdraws the following testimony:
    - 1. the following portions of the prefiled testimony of Randy Gracy
      - a. page 2, lines 14 and 15
      - b. page 12, line 14 through page 15, line 14; and
    - 2. the following portions of the prefiled testimony of Chris Ekrut.
      - a. page 5, lines 16 and 17 beginning with the second sentence
      - b. page 6, lines 10 and 11 beginning with the second sentence
      - c. page 8, line 1 through page 16, line 20
    - d. page 17, line 7 at the sentence beginning with "However,..." through line 10.

In addition, it is the intention of DDU to withdraw any testimony regarding the consolidation of the rates for the water systems serving The Retreat and White Bluff subdivisions. Copies of Mr. Gracy's and Mr. Ekrut's revised testimony showing the withdrawn testimony as blacklined text are attached as **Exhibit "A"**.

#### III. WITHDRAWAL OF PLEADINGS

- A. TRHG hereby withdraws any and all objections to any prefiled testimony filed in this proceeding.
- B. WBSR hereby withdraws any and all objections to prefiled testimony filed in this docket.

#### IV. AGREEMENTS

The Parties hereby stipulate and agree to the following:

- A. The rate schedule attached as **Exhibit "B"** for The Retreat subdivision that became effective on June 30, 2010. DDU has also agreed not to file an application to increase rates for The Retreat subdivision before January 1, 2012, and not seek to recover any rate case expenses in this docket from TRHG. TRHG has agreed that DDU will not be required to make any refunds for amounts collected prior to the implementation of agreed rates.
- B. The rate schedule attached as **Exhibit "C"** for the White Bluff subdivision that became effective on June 1, 2010. DDU has also agreed not to file an application to increase rates for the White Bluff subdivision before January 1, 2012 and not seek to recover any rate case expenses in this docket from WBSR. WBSR has agreed that DDU will not be required to make any refunds for amounts collected prior to the implementation of agreed rates.

In addition, DDU hereby amends its request for rate approval for the White Bluff and The Retreat subdivisions to be consistent with the rates and charges shown on the rate schedules attached as **Exhibits "B" and "C"**.

The Parties further request that the Final Order in this proceeding be issued consistent with the terms of the settlement agreements for the White Bluff and The Retreat subdivisions.

### V. PRAYER

The Parties respectfully request that the Administrative Law Judge grant this Joint Motion to Withdraw Testimony and Stipulate Agreed Rates for the White Bluff and The Retreat subdivisions in this docket and issue an order consistent with this Motion and the terms of the settlement agreements restated above.

Respectfully submitted,

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#### **CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE**

I hereby certify that a true and correct copy of the foregoing was delivered via facsimile, via first class mail, via electronic mail or by hand delivery on the 14 day of October, 2010 to the following:

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# EXHBIIT "A"

(ATTACHED)