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APPLICATION OF DENTON COUNTY	§	BEFORE THE STATE OFFICE
FRESH WATER SUPPLY DISTRICT NO. 10 TO AMEND WATER AND SEWER	§ &	OF -4
CERTIFICATES OF CONVENIENCE	§ §	, , ,
AND NECESSITY NOS. 13021 AND 20923	§	ADMINISTRATIVE HEARINGS
IN DENTON COUNTY, TEXAS	§	

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S RESPONSE TO DENTON COUNTY FRESH WATER SUPPLY DISTRICT NO. 10'S RESPONSE TO THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S MOTION TO DISMISS AND EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REQUEST FOR CONTINUANCE

TO THE HONORABLE ADMINISTRATIVE LAW JUDGE:

The Executive Director of the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality ("Commission" or "TCEQ") respectfully files this Response to Denton County Fresh Water Supply District No. 10's ("the District's") Response to the Executive Director's Motion to Dismiss and Executive Director's Request for Continuance. In support of this Motion, the Executive Director asserts the following:

Contrary to the District's assertion, the Executive Director was not contacted regarding a request to abate the proceedings, did not agree to an abatement, and agrees that only the Administrative Law Judge may order an abatement of the matter.

The Executive Director did enter into an agreement with the District on July 7, 2003, which allowed the Executive Director an extension of time to file responses to the District's discovery requests. This was 30 days after the Administrative Law Judge's ruling on the outstanding motions to dismiss. The Executive Director complied with the Agreement which is attached to this Response. The District did not request additional time to respond to the Executive Director's discovery requests so it was not part of the Agreement.

The Executive Director always supports resolution by settlement. In this case, the Executive Director has not been included in or made aware of any ongoing settlement discussions between the parties. On August 11, 2003, the Executive Director entered into an agreement with Prosper ISD to allow Prosper ISD additional time to respond to the Executive Director's discovery requests due to pending settlement discussions at that time between Prosper ISD and the District. Prosper ISD never filed discovery responses and in a recent telephone conversation between counsel for the

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Executive Director and counsel for Prosper ISD, counsel for Prosper ISD said that there would be no settlement in this matter.

The Executive Director is now concerned about meeting her own deadline to file her direct case which is tomorrow, September 26, 2003, as ordered in Order No. 1. The Executive Director is unable to do so in a substantive manner given the other parties failure to file their direct cases. The Executive Director respectfully requests a continuance of her deadline pending resolution of the Motion to Dismiss.

Respectfully submitted,

TEXAS COMMISSION ON ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY

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SOAH DOCKET NO. 582-03-2282 TCEQ DOCKET NO. 2003-0033-UCR

APPLICATION OF DENTON COUNTY FRESH WATER SUPPLY DISTRICT § NO. 10 TO AMEND WATER AND § SEWER CCNS IN DENTON COUNTY (APPLICATION NOS. 34068-C/34069-C) §

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BEFORE THE TEXAS

COMMISSION ON

ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY

DENTON COUNTY FRESH WATER SUPPLY DISTRICT NO. 10's RULE 11 AGREEMENT ON DISCOVERY ANSWERS WITH THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

COMES NOW, Denton County Fresh Water Supply District No. 10 (the District), and files its Rule Eleven Agreement with the Executive Director of the TCEQ (ED) regarding outstanding Requests for Disclosure, Interrogatories, Production & Admissions.

By agreement of counsel, the ED shall not be required to answer the District's pending discovery requests until after the presiding judge enters his ruling on outstanding motions to dismiss the pending certification applications and intervening protestants now set for prehearing conference on July 21, 2003. The ED shall have 30 days thereafter to answer.

> DENTON COUNTY FRESH WATER SUPPLY DISTRICT NO. 10

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RE: Application of Denton County Fresh Water Supply District No. 10 to Amend Water and Sewer Certificates of Convenience and Necessity Nos. 13021 and 20923 in Denton County; SOAH Docket No. 582-03-2282; TCEQ Docket No. 2003-0033-UCR.

Dear Judge Norman:

Enclosed please find the Executive Director's Response to Denton County Fresh Water Supply District No. 10's Response to the Executive Director's Motion to Dismiss and Executive Director's Request for Continuance. All parties have been copied.

Sincerely,

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