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APPLICATION OF AQUA TEXAS, INC AND UNION HILL WATER SUPPLY CORPORATION FOR SALE, TRANSFER, OR MERGER OF FACILITIES AND CERTIFICATE RIGHTS IN HENDERSON COUNTY PUBLIC UTILITY COMMISSION OF

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COMMISSION STAFF'S RESPONSE TO ORDER NO. 1 AND REQUEST FOR EXTENSION OF DEADLINE FOR STAFF'S RECOMMENDATION ON PROCESSING THE APPLICATION

COMES NOW the Staff (Staff) of the Public Utility Commission of Texas (Commission), representing the public interest, and files Commission Staff's Response to Order No. 2 and would show the following:

I. BACKGROUND

On December 22, 2014, Aqua Texas, Inc. (Aqua) and Union Hill Water Supply Corporation (Union Hill) filed an application for approval of the sale, transfer, or merger of Union Hill's certificate of convenience and necessity and water system assets in Henderson County to Aqua. Order No. 1 directed Commission Staff to file comments/recommendation on the sufficiency of the application and whether additional notice may be required to comply with the applicable procedural rules, and propose a schedule for processing by January 21, 2015. Therefore, this plead is timely filed.

II. REQUEST FOR EXTENSION OF DEADLINE ON STAFF'S RECOMMENDATION

Due to the recent transfer of water and sewer utility cases to the PUC, good cause exists for Staff to request additional time before submitting its recommendation. Currently the Water Utilities Division is working on mapping in this docket. As this application is still in the processing stage, Staff respectfully requests that the Administrative Law Judge extend the deadline for Staff to file a recommendation until **February 23, 2015**.

III. CONCLUSION

Staff respectfully requests that the Administrative Law Judge enter an order in accordance with this filing.

DATED: October 27, 2014

Respectfully Submitted,

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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I certify that a copy of this document will be served on all parties of record on this the 21st day of January, 2015 in accordance with P.U.C. Procedural Rule 22.74.

Hollis Henley