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COLLEGE STATION TO AMEND	§	OF
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CONVENIENCE AND NECESSITY IN	§	
BRAZOS COUNTY	§	

ORDER NO. 10

GRANTING REQUEST FOR ADDITIONAL ABATEMENT

On August 29, 2007, the City of College Station (College Station or Applicant) timely filed a status report requesting that the abatement period in this case be continued. The parties participated in mediation but the dispute was not resolved. However, a new settlement offer has been proffered and College Station requests additional time for the party to consider this offer.

Applicant's request for an additional abatement period has merit and is GRANTED. College Station shall file a status report on or before October 5, 2007. If a settlement of all contested issues cannot be reached, Applicant may submit a revised schedule or three proposed dates for a prehearing conference.

SIGNED September 6, 2007.

LIVO D. POMERLEAU

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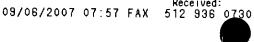
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TO THE HONORABLE ADMINISTRATIVE LAW JUDGE:

The City of College Station ("College Station" or "City") files this Status Report and psed Motion to Extend Abatement Period. Unopposed Motion to Extend Abatement Period.

In Order No.10, the last Order issued in this Docket, the ALJ requested that College Station submit a revised schedule or three dates for a prehearing conference, if settlement on all contested issues could not be reached. Settlement negotiations are still active and the parties request further abatement of the schedule in an attempt to settle the matter.

BACKGROUND

A preliminary hearing in the above-captioned matter was held on June 6, 2006. In Order Number 1, the ALJ set out the prehearing and hearing schedule. On August 3, 2006, College Station filed a motion to abate the schedule while the parties conducted settlement negotiations. In Order Number 2, dated August 4, 2006, the ALJ granted the abatement and required College Station to submit a status report on October 3, 2006. On October 3, 2006, College Station filed an unopposed motion to extend the abatement period. College Station settled with all protesting parties except for Main Street Homes ("MSH") and Wellborn Special Utility District ("WSUD"). In Orders Number 3 and 4, the ALJ dismissed the parties who settled with College Station. In Order Number 5, the ALJ granted College Station's October 3, 2006 request for an extension of the abatement period and ordered College Station to file a status report on or before January 5, 2007. College Station submitted a status report and request for abatement extension, which the ALJ granted in Order Number 6. The ALJ also ordered College Station to file a status report on or before March 5, 2007. College Station submitted a status report and request for abatement extension, which the ALJ granted in Order Number 7. The ALJ also ordered College Station to file a status report on or before June 6, 2007. College Station submitted a status report on June 6, 2007 requesting an additional 60 days to conduct mediation. In Order Number 8, the ALJ granted the extension and required a report on or before August 6, 2007. On that date, College Station requested an abatement to participate in an August 9, 2007 mediation, which the ALJ granted in Order No. 9. The mediation was unsuccessful, but the City subsequently offered a new settlement proposal to MSH and WSUD. College Station filed a status report and request to extend the abatement, which the ALJ granted in Order No. 10

STATUS REPORT

On August 28, 2007, College Station transmitted a new settlement offer to MSH and WSUD. On October 1, WSUD responded to the City's August 28, 2007 settlement offer indicating that some terms of the offer may be acceptable and requested a meeting to see if resolution is possible. The City is considering the October 1, 2007 response.

MOTION FOR EXTENSION OF ABATEMENT

College Station has conferred with counsel for WSUD and for MSH. All believe that settlement is possible, but will continue to take time. Since two of the three parties (WSUD and

the City) have governing bodies that only meet periodically, each settlement proposal requires time to be put before the elected officials. Rather than requesting 60 day abatements, the parties concur with a City request that this matter be abated indefinitely and that the City report every 60 days during the abatement.

CONCLUSION

College Station requests an indefinite abatement with a requirement to report every 60 days. Under this proposal, College Station will submit a status report to the ALJ on or before December 5, 2007. Counsel for College Station has conferred with Leonard Dougal, counsel for WSUD, Rick Jenkins of MSH and MSH's counsel, Mark Zeppa, and Kayla Murray, counsel for the Executive Director. All parties concur with this request.

Respectfully submitted,

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