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APPLICATION OF CUSTOM WATER § COMPANY, LLC FOR A RATE/ **TARIFF CHANGE**

PUBLIC UTILITY COLIMISSION THE STATE OFFICE OF **ADMINISTRATIVE HEARINGS**

WRITTEN RESPONSE TO COMMISSION STAFF'S MOTION TO STRIKE AND REQUEST TO RESCHEDULE

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COMES NOW, Michael Ratliff, as counsel for Custom Water Company, LLC and files this Written Response to Commission's Staff Motion To Strike the letter of Chris A. Lemon, CPA previously submitted as Custom Water's direct case.

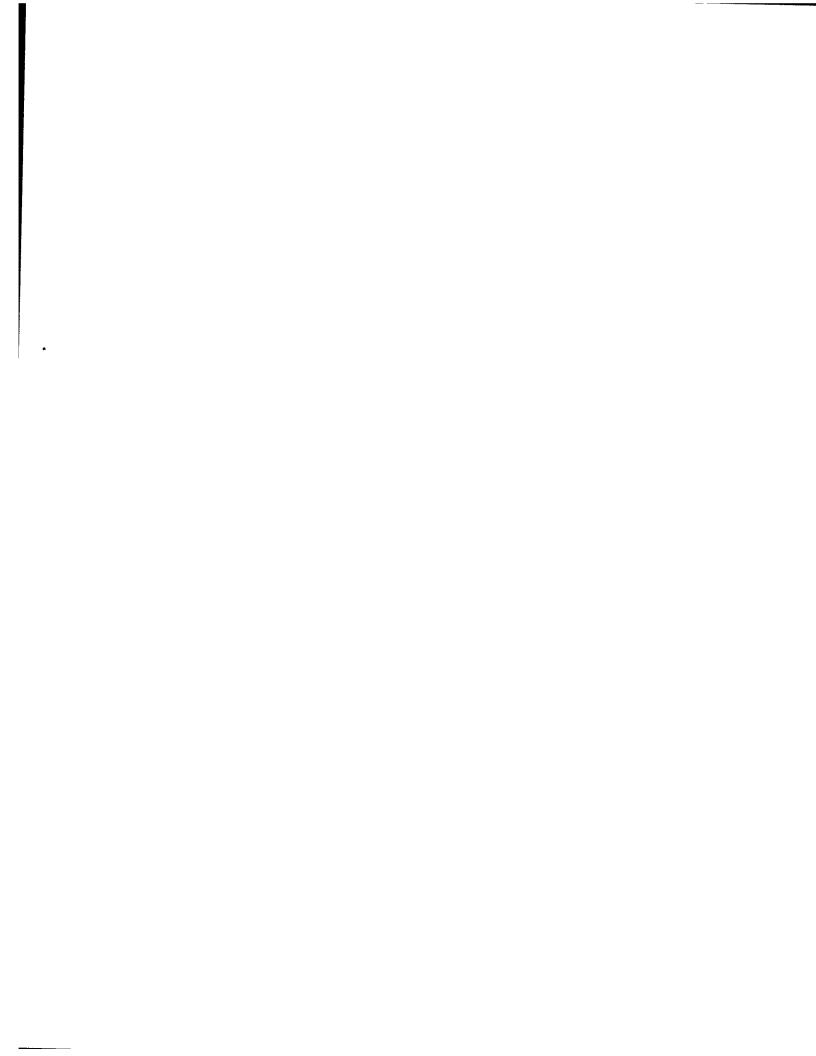
1. APPLICATION HISTORY

In Order No. 1, the SOHA administrative law judge (ALJ) set a deadline of September 24, 2015 for Custom Water to file its case. On that date, Custom Water submitted the letter of Chris A. Lemon, C.P.A. as its direct case. On October 6, 2015 the Commission Staff filed a Motion to Strike and objections to the letter submitted by Chris A. Lemon, C.P.A. which was received by counsel for Custom Water Company, LLC on October 13, 2015. Counsel for Custom Water Company, LLC now serves this, his written response to the Commission Staff's Motion to Strike and objections.

II. EVIDENTIARY OBJECTIONS

1. Qualification of an Expert:

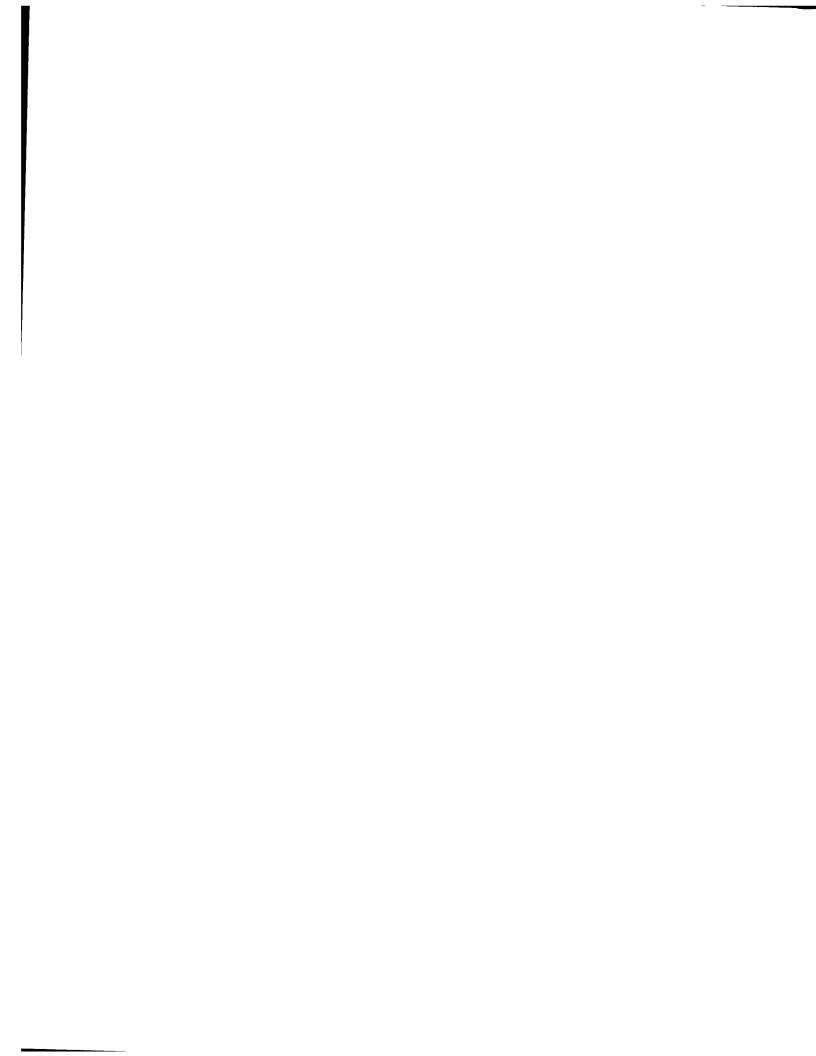
The Commission Staff in supporting their argument that Mr. Lemon's letter should be stricken due to Mr. Lemon or Mr. Fenoglio failing to qualify as experts appears to rely upon a decision reached in the Bohannan case, a commitment case which merely reflects the basic elements of TRE 702 that an expert must be qualified by knowledge, skill, experience, training, or education. While the Bohannan decision supports Custom Water Company accountant's letter, a more comprehensive and



illustrative case in applying the rules governing expert testimony is found in the case of *Vela v. State*, 209 S.W.3d 128, 130 (Tex. Crim. App. 2006). The Court In *Vela* "set out three separate conditions regarding admissibility of expert testimony. *At* 131: The rules require a trial judge to make three separate inquires, which all must be met before admitting expert testimony: (1) the witness qualifies as an expert by reason of his knowledge, skill, experience, training, or education; (2) the subject matter of the testimony is an appropriate one for expert testimony; and (3) admitting the expert testimony will assist the fact-finder in deciding the case. These conditions are commonly referred to as (1) qualification, (2) reliability, and (3) relevance." An appellate court should consider three criteria when determining whether a trial court abused its discretion in evaluating a witness's qualifications as an expert: (1) is the field of expertise complex? ; (2) how conclusive is the expert's opinion? ; (3) how central is the area of expertise to the resolution of the lawsuit?

Further the *Rodgers* court found in *Rodgers v. State*, 205 S.W.3d 525, 526 (Tex. Crim. App.2006) that "we hold that a motion to strike an expert witness's testimony based on his lack of qualifications, which is made after the witness has testified, can serve as a renewed objection to the trial court's earlier ruling that the witness was qualified. In these circumstances, an appellate court reviews the trial court's ruling based upon all of the evidence before the court at the time of the motion to strike."

Mr. Fenoglio clearly possesses all of the qualifications as required by these courts and by the Texas Rules of Evidence when taken comprehensively in their entirety supported by the rulings of the highest courts in our state. I have attached the following exhibits to allow the Court to examine the qualifications of Mr. Fenoglio as an expert in the field of water wells, water well drilling, water system operations and cost savings in operations of a water company. Webster's College Edition dictionary defines a "Master" as someone who's teachings or doctrines are accepted by followers, A person of great learning- a scholar, A workman qualified to teach apprentices and to carry on his craft independently, An Expert, Highly Skilled, an expert. In the instant case, Mr. William H. Kuntz, Jr. the executive director of the Texas Department of Licensing and Regulation recognizes Mr. Edward A. Fenoglio





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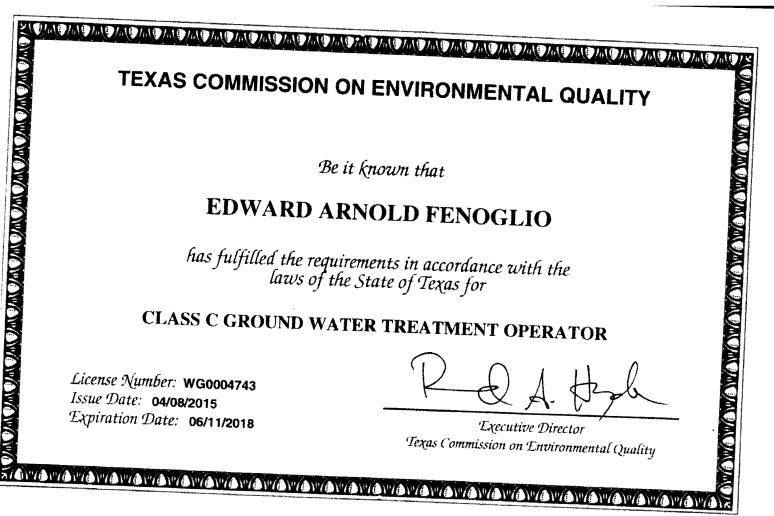


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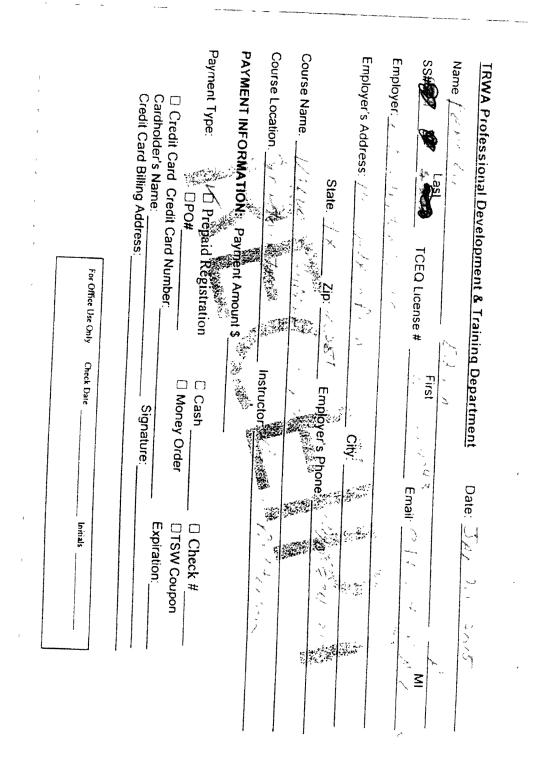
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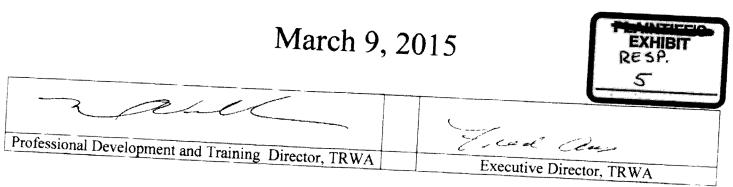
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City, State, Zip: Montague TX 76251

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WRITTEN OBJECTIONS TO CUSTOM WATER'S DIRECT CASE TESTIMONY

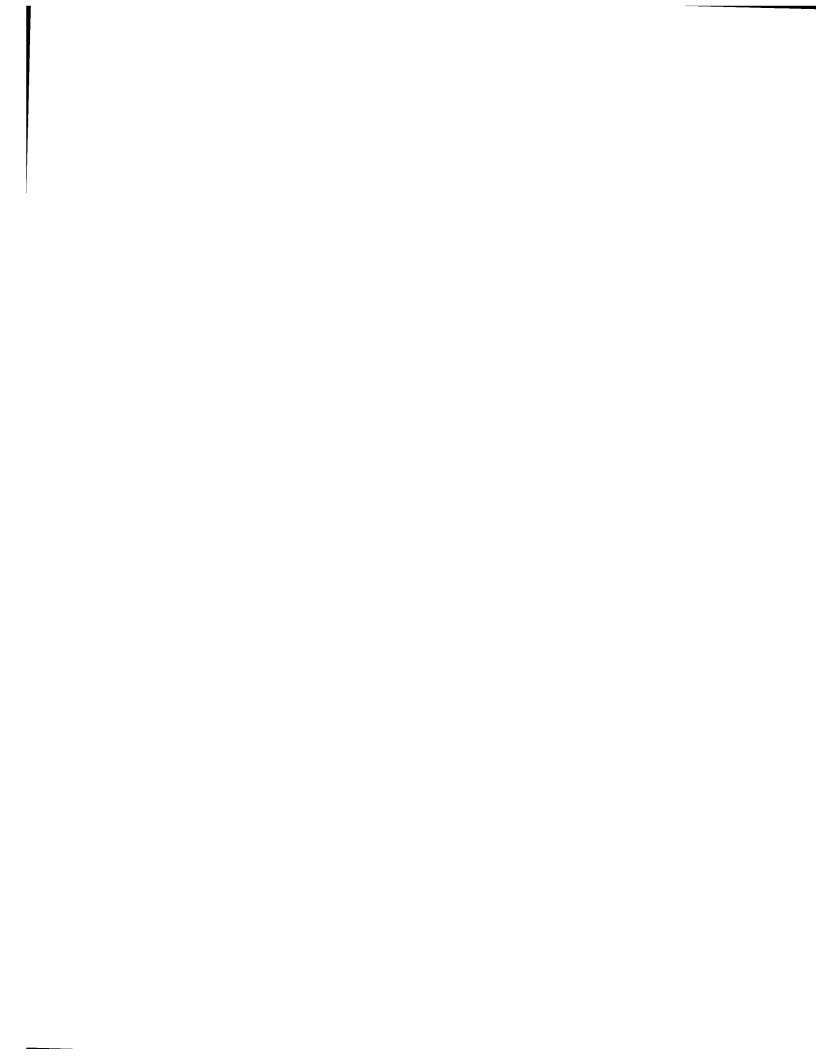
Cris Lemon, CPA, presented Direct Case Submission for his client, Custom Water Company, LLC and its sole member, Edward A. Fenoglio.

Mr. Lemon failed to address most, if not all, of the issues previously listed by the PUC and Interveners. Mr. Lemon failed to produce any case evidence to my knowledge and used only conjecture and oral arguments on behalf of Mr. Fenoglio in his brief letter to the Court. Mr. Lemon failed to present his direct case submission in the proper question and answer format required. Mr. Lemon is considered an expert in accounting matters. However, Mr. Lemon is not an expert on drilling or drilling costs. As stated above, Mr. Lemon uses the figure of \$700,000 for the cost of drilling two shallow wells but submits no evidence of such estimate. Mr. Lemon also attempted to compare the cost of drilling wells thru an outside contractor and Mr. Fenoglio acting as his own contractor as a cost savings to the water company customers as if this was real "cash basis" savings. The cost is actual cost expended and not anticipated cost. Mr. Fenoglio is the owner-operator of these water systems and it saves him money to reduce the cost of operations and any improvements made to the systems just as much or more so than it does to the customers. Mr. Lemon, as a CPA, should be discussing the "actual cost" and leave the estimates of savings for the experts who would know what it actually cost to drill a well or replace a tank.

In other remarks in his submission, Mr. Lemon suggests a misrepresentation. Oak Shores did not have both of its storage tanks replaced. Mr. Fenoglio replaced only <u>one tank</u> in order to comply with TCEQ requirements. He was not in compliance with TCEQ regulations in regards to the water tank and was being fined for such non-compliance. Mr. Fenoglio did not do anything to improve the "quality" of water to its Oak Shores customers and has admitted so in prior settlement negotiations between Intervener Walker and Edward Fenoglio.

Additionally, Mr. Lemon states that Mr. Fenoglio is a customer himself of the Montague Water System. Mr. Fenoglio resides in that water district and thus enjoys the improvements made to the "quality" of water made to all customers of that system. However, nothing is discussed about Mr. Fenoglio being a customer of Oak Shores Water System and for good reason. Mr. Fenoglio has admitted to Intervener that the water is both unfit to drink and is currently out of compliance with TCEQ standards. Yet, Mr. Fenoglio sees it fit to do nothing about this non-compliance while at the same time proposing to increase the water rates by 172% over a three year period. During this period, no "water quality" issues have been addressed. This points directly to the fact that the Montague Water System is operated at a different level of quality control than the





Oak Shores Water System. Yet, Mr. Fenoglio has no problem charging both sets of customers the same exorbitant rates. We will address this issue further in our own Direct Testimony.

As Intervener, I would state to the Court and to the PUC that Custom Water Company LLC has failed to address the real issues of presenting legitimate "cost analysis" of its operation to the Court in a manner sufficient to support the proposed Rate Tariff Increase that has been requested. I propose that their request be summarily denied in full.

Furthermore, a Motion before the Court has been made by the PUC Staff to reverse the current charged rates back to the previously approved rates. No interim rates should be allowed to continue to be charged. We respectfully request the Court to so rule in this manner.

Respectfully submitted,

Verry Walker, Intervener (940) 782-2527 2 Red Bluff Wichita Falls, TX 76255

CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I certify that a copy of this document will be served on all parties of record on October 5, 2015 in accordance with 16 TAC § 22.74.



as a Master Pump Installer and Well Driller and the State of Texas issued License Number 2817 CMWI to evidence Mr. Fenoglio as such. See Exhibit 1 - 1!

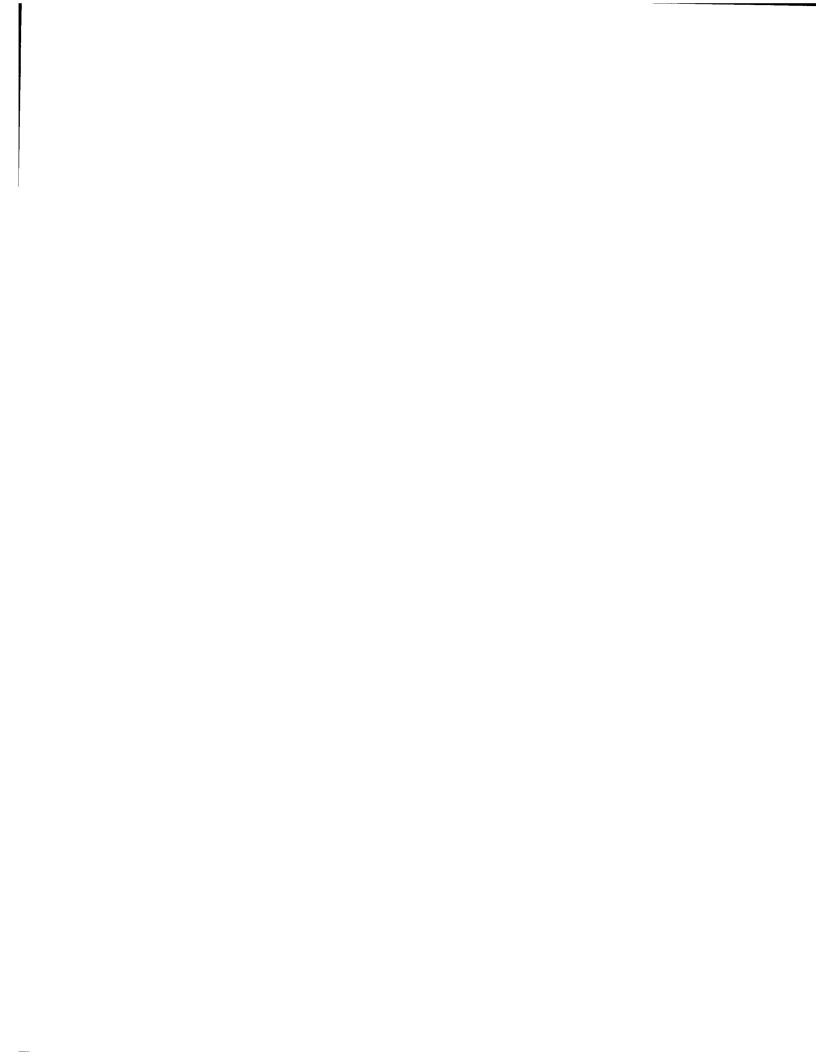
Mr. Fenoglio clearly possesses all three elements set forth by the *Bohannan* and *Vela* court decisions to be an expert in his field. Mr. Fenoglio's knowledge, experience and training is recognized by the State of Texas and his peers in the drilling industry, Mr. Fenoglio's expertise is proven, he successfully used his expert knowledge to bring in new wells saving the customers of Custom Water Company hundreds of thousands of dollars and his expert knowledge is highly relevant to the instant case and helpful to the Commission in arriving at a proper rate for Custom Water Company.

Mr. Lemon is a certified public accountant currently representing Custom Water Company, LLC. in any matter regarding accounting, tax accounting, cost analysis and profit/loss as it relates to regulatory reporting to the appropriate governmental agencies. Mr. Lemon is an expert in accounting and represents many local business and individuals before the Internal Revenue Service and other Judicial or Governmental proceedings. In carrying out these representative duties Mr. Lemon interacts with many career professionals in the various branches of the government. Many of these career professionals consider Mr. Lemon an expert in his field, as does Mr. Jerry Walker, a party in this proceeding, is a former Internal Revenue Service Revenue Agent. See Exhibit 12 - 12 A

Mr. Lemon's curriculum vitae are attached as *Exhibit* <u>14</u>.

2. Hearsay Objections

The Commission Staff in supporting their argument that Mr. Lemon's letter should be stricken due to Mr. Lemon adopting statements made to him as Mr. Fenoglio's agent as hearsay clearly do not comport with the Texas Rules of Evidence 801(e). In *Saavedra v. State*, 297 S.W.3d 342, 349 (Tex.Crim.App. 2009), if the proponent of an out of court translation of an out of court statement of a party can demonstrate to the satisfaction of the trial court that the party authorized the interpreter to speak for him on the particular occasion, or otherwise adopted the interpreter as his agent for purposes of translating the particular statement, then the out of court interpretation may be properly



admitted under TRE 801(e)(2)(C) or (D). Any statement made by Mr. Lemon concerning this matter within the scope of the agency or employment, during the existence of a contractual relationship between Mr. Fenoglio as President of Custom Water Company and Mr. Lemon as a certified C.P.A. employed by Custom Water Company is clearly not hearsay under Texas Rules of Evidence (e).

Staff further objects to Mr. Lemon's statements in his direct testimony as not relevant and does not fall within the scope of lay opinion on pages 3,4 and 5. The objections to these paragraphs in Staff's Motion to Strike on pages 3,4,and 5 are not supported by the Texas Rules of Evidence § 704, 801(e), 803(3)(6). More specifically Staff in their objection on page 5 states "*Mr. Lemon's statement regarding what Mr. Fenoglio's intent was in filing this application is hearsay*". The Texas Rules of Evidence 803(3) clearly states that the following are not excluded by the hearsay rule, even though the declarant is available as a witness...(3) *Then existing mental, emotional, or physical condition. A statement of the declarant's then existing state of mind, emotion, sensation, or physical condition (such as intent, plan, motive, design...)*

Texas Rules of Evidence 704 states "Testimony in the form of an opinion or inference otherwise admissible is not objectionable because it embraces an ultimate issue of fact". Mr. Fenoglio's expert opinion is admissible and the presiding officer will decide the facts of this case.

Texas Rules of Evidence 801(e) states "Statements which are not hearsay if: (C) a statement by a person authorized to make a statement on concerning the subject; (D) a statement by the party's agent or servant concerning a matter within the scope of the agency or employment, made during the existence of the relationship".

Mr. Lemon was and is authorized to speak for Custom Water Company and it's President Mr. Fenoglio. The issues in Staff's objections on pages 3,4 and 5 were the required upgrades due to an order from TECQ and the cost analysis of Custom Water Company owning a backhoe and associated costs of operation of such equipment in the maintenance and upgrading activities of the company. Both of these areas are areas of accounting practice in which Mr. Lemon by way of education, experience, training and an advanced certification in the form of being a CPA is an expert. Further these areas are those in which CPA's such as Mr. Lemon routinely confer and advise corporate clients in

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BEFORE THE STATE OFFICE OF ADMINSTRATIVE HEARINGS

RESPONSE TO ITEM NUMBER 62 COMMISSION STAFF'S LIST OF ISSUES RESPONSE BY: CRIS A. LEMON, CPA

The responses to the items below were prepared by myself, Cris A. Lemon, using the documentation presented during the case process by Custom Water Company, LLC and the PUC Commission Staff. The responses were ascertained from the aforementioned documentation, where applicable, and from direct knowledge of Edward A. Fenoglio's tax filings prepared by my office. We reserve the right to amend the figures presented in the following statements pending a full review of the application and its supporting documentation.

1. What are the just and reasonable rates for Custom Water that are sufficient, equitable, and consistent in application to each customer class and that are not unreasonably preferential, prejudicial, or discriminatory as required by Tex. Water Code Ann. (TWC) § 13.182?

Question #1 Response:

In determining a "just and reasonable" rate, the rate calculation in the application was compared to other water systems having a like number of customers. It was impossible to find a truly "like-kind" system with a similar situation (new wells and associated debt) but we feel the rate calculated was reasonable.

2. What revenue requirement will give Custom Water a reasonable opportunity to earn a reasonable return on its invested capital used and useful in providing service to the public in excess of its reasonable and necessary operating expenses while preserving the financial integrity of the utility pursuant to TWC § 13.183(a) and 16 Tex. Admin Code (TAC) § 24.32(a)?

Question #2 Response:

At a current invested capital of \$442,868, the increase of \$67,849 in revenue would provide an adequate return. An acceptable rate of return would be 7% to 10%.

3. What is the reasonable and necessary cost of providing water service calculated in accordance with 16 TAC § 24.31?

Question #3 Response:

The total cost of providing water to customers is approximately \$285,000.

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4. What adjustments, if any, should be made to Custom Water's proposed test-year data pursuant to TWC § 13.185(d)(1) and 16 TAC § 24.31(b)?

Question #4 Response:

Referring to Item Number 69, Memorandum from Leila Guerrerro, Regulatory Accountant/Auditor, Water Utilities Division dated September 9, 2015, Table 1-Costs improperly included in Applicant's cost of service.

Table 1 Costs improperly included in Applicant's cost of service

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Table 1 – Line 1

The fines need to be removed as they are not allowable expenses. Table 1 – Lines 2-6

The loan payments need to be removed as they are not allowable expenses. However, it should be noted the 2013 GMC was traded for the 2014 Chevrolet to resolve the confusion of the statement made that Custom Water owns three service vehicles.

Table 1 – Line 7

Unsupported miscellaneous expenses is as yet unidentified. Please submit detailed documentation of this calculation.

Table 1 – Line 8

Unsupported known & measurable adjustments. The amount stated needs to be removed. These were future loan payment amounts and are not allowable expenses.

Table 1-Line 9

Rate Case Expense disallowed (allowed \$3,000 out of \$18,000) needs to be adjusted to reflect proof of the expense which was submitted to TCEQ prior to the ruling. See attached documents from Linda Ross and Stephen Fenoglio for charges directly related to the rate case hearing. The attorney bill is \$9,100.70 and the highlighted charges on Linda Ross' bills total \$3,592.50 bringing the total proven amount to \$12,693.20. The verbal agreement cannot be proven but the invoices clearly show the charges directly related to the rate increase hearing and preparation. See Exhibit A.

Table 1 – Line 10

Adjustment on Salaries & Wages - salaries and wages were calculated using ½ of each employee's salary for the test year. The calculation on the rate increase needs to be corrected. The deduction is correct.

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Table 1 – Line 11

Adjustment – Office Expenses (veterinary exp. \$639; uniform exp \$1,015) – We agree to remove the vet expense. There is some argument regarding the uniform expense as Eddie does perform his duties at all times with a uniform which identifies the company name as well as his. In the application per the P&L the heading under Uniform Expense – Custom Water is the actual cost of Eddie's uniforms purchased from Aramark each year which totals \$712.68 the remaining \$302.28 is the expense for cleaning the uniforms.

Table 1 – Line 12

Adjustment – Office Expense (cell phones & land lines) – The amount reduced of \$5956 is not correct. The amounts shown on the P&L were \$2352.13 (cell) and \$6581.18 (land) but only 1/3 of those amounts were applied to the application which would total \$2977.77. The deduction exceeds the amount that was used.

In addition, Known and Measurable Expenses for Salaries and Wages should be increased to reflect a salary for Mr. Fenoglio. The agreed upon amount, per Mr. Fenoglio, is a monthly net amount of \$3500.00. The grossed up total amount for the annual salary would also increase the Known and Measurable Expenses for Payroll Taxes.

Annual Gross Pay	\$51,438.36
Annual FICA	\$ 5,503.32
Annual Soc Sec	\$ 3,189.24
Annual Medicare	\$ 745.80

By adjusting the revised application numbers, this amount would offset adjustment made to arrive at a similar rate.

5. What is the appropriate debt-to-equity capital structure of Custom Water?

Question #5 Response:

It is recognized that the debt-to-equity ratios are normally higher in a water utility. With the new wells, the debt-to-equity ratio is high, representing \$8.55 of debt for every \$1 of equity. Being a small utility, this is not uncommon.

6. What is the appropriate overall rate of return, return on equity, and cost of debt of Custom Water pursuant to 16 TAC 24.31(c)(1)?

Question #6 Response:

It would be reasonable to project a rate of return of 7% to 10% based on a small utility to maintain adequate capital funding to continue operations.

7. What are the reasonable and necessary components of Custom Water's invested capital pursuant to 16 TAC 24.31(c)(2)?

Question #7 Response:

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The utility has incurred the major cost of drilling and completing new wells and storage equipment. By far, the major of the invested capital is in these new assets. These expenditures are required and necessary to provide water to customers.

8. What is the original cost of the property used and useful in providing water service to the public at the time the property was dedicated to public use pursuant to TWC 13.185(b) and 16 TAC 24.31(c)(2)(A) and (B)?

Question #8 Response:

The original cost of the wells and distribution system in 1984 was approximately \$148,215.

9. Does Custom Water have any water or sewer property that was acquired from an affiliate or a developer before September 1, 1976 that is included in rate base? If so, has such property been included in all ratemaking formulas at the actual cost of the property rather than the price set between the entitites? TWC § 13.185(i)

Question #9 Response:

No to above question.

10. Has Custom Water acquired any water or sewer property from an affiliate? If so, how much?

Question #10 Response:

No to above question.

11. Has Custom Water financed any of its plant with developer contributions? If so, how much?

Question #11 Response:

No to above question.

12. Has Custom Water included any customer contributions or donations in invested capital? If so, how much?

Question #12 Response:

There have been no customer contributions or donations in invested capital.

13. What is the proper amount, if any, of accumulated depreciation on the Custom Water's water and sewer property?

Question #13 Response:

The amount of accumulated depreciation on the property is approximately \$149,070.

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14. Is Custom Water seeking inclusion of construction work in progress? If so, what is the amount sought and for what facilities? Additionally, has Custom Water proven that the inclusion is necessary to its financial integrity and that major projects under construction have been efficiently and prudently planned and managed? TWC 13.185(b) and 16 TAC § 24.31(c)(3)(B).

Question #14 Response:

No, all construction has been completed per Mr. Fenoglio.

15. What is the reasonable and necessary working capital allowance for Custom Water pursuant to 16 TAC 24.31(c)(2)(C)?

Question #15 Response:

Average monthly expenditures would be approximately \$23,000. An adequate working capital amount for a small utility would be \$17,000 to \$18,000 of cash on hand.

16. Does Custom Water have any debt, and, if so, what is the cost of that debt?

Question #16 Response:

The utility has debt in the amount of \$339,566 currently. The current federal tax bracket of the utility is 15% to 20%. The average interest rate being paid on the debt is approximately 3.75%. The wells and storage assets are financed at approximately 5.25% to 6.5%. This would yield a debt cost of 3.0% overall to 5.2% on wells and storage assets.

17. What are Custom Water's reasonable and necessary operations and maintenance expenses pursuant to 16 TAC 24.31(b)(1)(A)?

Question #17 Response:

Operations and maintenance expenses run on average approximately 85% of total expenses.

18. Were any payments made to an affiliate for expenses? If so, do those payments meet the requirements of TWC 13.185(e)?

Question #18 Response:

In the general course of business, there will be joint expenses between Custom Water Company LLC and Carrington Associates Inc. Mr. Fenoglio is the sole shareholder of Carrington. Prior to and hereafter, great care has been taken to properly record and repay any joint expenses. Both entities maintain separate bank accounts and payroll tax filing accounts. We feel that Custom Water's staff has greatly improved the accounting system and accounting controls to properly account for these joint expenses.

19. What are Custom Water's reasonable and necessary administrative and general expenses?

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Question #19 Response:

General and admin expenses run on average approximately 15% of total expenses.

20. What is the reasonable and necessary depreciation expense? For each class of property, what are the proper and adequate depreciation rates (including service lives and salvage values) and methods for depreciation? TWC 13.185(j) and 16 TAC 24.31(b)(1)(B).

Question #20 Response:

Depreciation expense is approximately \$24,000 based on straight-line methods.

21. What is the reasonable and necessary amount for assessment and taxes, other than federal income taxes? 16 TAC 24.31(b)(1)(C).

Question #21 Response:

There are no other assessments or taxes other than income tax. Custom Water is below the franchise tax threshold.

22. What is the reasonable and necessary amount for Custom Water's federal income tax expense? 16 TAC 24.31(b)(1)(D) and, if applicable, TWC 13.185(f):

Question #22 Response:

Based on it's own net income, the utility would pay approximately 15% on net income of approximately \$20,000. This would result in taxes of \$3,000.

a. Is Custom Water a member of an affiliated group that is eligible to file a consolidated income tax return? TWC 13.185(f).

Question 22a Response:

No to above question.

b. If so, have income taxes been computed as though a consolidated return had been filed and Custom Water realized its fair share of the savings resulting from the consolidated return? TWC 13.185(f).

Question #22b Response:

No to above question.

 c. If not, has Custom Water demonstrated it was reasonable not to consolidate returns? TWC 13.185(f).

Question #22c Response:

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No to above question.

23. Is Custom Water seeking rates for both water and sewer service? If so, is the revenue requirement properly allocated between water and sewer services?

Question #23 Response:

No to above question.

24. What is the appropriate allocation of revenue requirement among rate classes?

Question #24 Response:

To be determimed on a future date.

25. What is the appropriate rate design for each rate class?

Question #25 Response:

To be determined on a future date.

26. What are Custom Water's reasonable and necessary expenses incurred in this rate proceeding?

Question #26 Response:

The estimate of expenses would be approximately \$10,000.

27. If a refund or surcharge results from this proceeding, how and over what period of time should that be made? TWC 13.187.

Question #27 Response:

If a refund would were made, it would have to be structured over a period of time as to not adversely affect the cash flow of the Company. We would estimate this to be 12 months.

28. Has any party met the requirements for a request for interim relief in the form of interim rates? If so, what are the appropriate levels of interim rates? 16 TAC 24.29.

Question #28 Response:

Please provide further clarification.

29. What is the appropriate effective date of the rates fixed by the Commission in this proceeding pursuant to TWC 13.187?

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Question #29 Response:

To be determined on a future date.

Respectfully Submitted,

Cris A. Lemon, CPA 940-825-3113 Office 940-825-3713 Fax P.O. Box 148 201 Clay Street Nocona, Texas 76251

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November 20, 2014

Mr. Edward A. Fenoglio, Owner Custom Water Co., L.L.C. 146 Alamo Road Montague, Texas 76251-1118

Re: Notice of Compliance with Agreed Order Custom Water Co., L.L.C. dba Oakshores Community; RN104210885 Docket No. 2012-0919-PWS-E; Enforcement Case No. 44079

Dear Mr. Fenoglio:

This letter is to inform you that a review of Texas Commission on Environmental Quality (TCEQ) records concerning the above-referenced enforcement matter indicates that Custom Water Co., L.L.C. dba Oakshores Community has fulfilled the requirements of the Agreed Order effective on October 26, 2012. Specifically, Custom Water Co., L.L.C. dba Oakshores Community has fulfilled the technical requirements and has paid the administrative penalty assessed in the Agreed Order. Based upon this, we conclude that your response has been satisfactory and no further action is necessary at this time with respect to this enforcement matter. The Order will terminate on October 26, 2017, provided Custom Water Co., L.L.C. dba Oakshores Community maintains compliance with all terms and conditions of the Order.

We appreciate your cooperation, and if we can be of any further assistance, please contact Ms. Anne Ruthstrom at (512)239-0855.

Sincerely,

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Carmen Pedraza, Work Leader Enforcement Division

cc: Ms. Cindy Meeks, Office Manager, Custom Water Co., L.L.C., 146 Alamo Road, Montague, Texas 76251-1118



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August 6, 2014

Mr. Eddie Fenoglio, Owner Custom Water Company, LLC. 146 Alamo Rd Montague, Texas 76251-1118

Notice of Compliance with Notice of Violation (NOV) dated January 22, 2014: Re: Montague Water Company, 146 Alamo Rd., Montague (Montague County), Texas Regulated Entity No.: 101260115, TCEQ ID No.: 1690004

Dear Mr. Fenoglio:

This letter is to inform you that Texas Commission on Environmental Quality (TCEQ) Abilene Region Office has received adequate compliance documentation on July 30, 2014, to resolve the alleged violation documented during the investigation of the above-referenced regulated entity conducted on December 17, 2013. Based on the information submitted, no further action is required concerning this investigation.

The Texas Commission on Environmental Quality appreciates your assistance in this matter and your compliance efforts to ensure protection of the State's environment. If you or members of your staff have any questions, please feel free to contact Ms. Jennelle Crane at the Abilene Region Office at (325) 698-9674.

Sincerely,

Cliff Moore Water Section Work Leader Abilene Region Office

CM/JC

ATTACHEMNTS: Summary of Investigation Findings



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January 21, 2014

Mr. Edward A. Fenoglio, Owner Custom Water Company, L.L.C. 146 Alamo Road Montague, Texas 76251

Re: Notice of Compliance with Default Order Custom Water Company, L.L.C.; RN101260115 Docket No. 2009-0312-PWS-E; Enforcement Case No. 37235

Dear Mr. Fenoglio:

This letter is to inform you that a review of Texas Commission on Environmental Quality (TCEQ) records concerning the above-referenced enforcement matter indicates that Custom Water Company, L.L.C. has fulfilled the requirements of the Default Order effective on January 7, 2010. Specifically, Custom Water Company, L.L.C. has fulfilled the technical requirements and has paid the administrative penalty assessed in the Default Order. Based upon this, we conclude that your response has been satisfactory and no further action is necessary at this time with respect to this enforcement matter. The Order will terminate on January 7, 2015, provided Custom Water Company, L.L.C. maintains compliance with all terms and conditions of the Order.

We appreciate your cooperation, and if we can be of any further assistance, please contact Ms. Anne Ruthstrom at (512) 239-0855.

Sincerely,

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Carmen Pedraza, Work Leader **Enforcement** Division

cc: Manager, Water Section, Abilene Regional Office, TCEQ



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January 23, 2012

Edward Fenoglio, Owner Oak Shores PWS 146 Alamo Road Montague, TX 76251

Re: Comprehensive Compliance Investigation at: Oak Shores Public Water Supply, 301 HWY 59, Nocona (Montague County), Texas Regulated Entity No.:RN104210885, TCEQ ID No.: 1690011

Dear Mr. Fenoglio:

On January 10, 2012, Ms. Jennelle Crane of the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality (TCEQ) Abilene Region Office conducted an investigation of the above-referenced facility to evaluate compliance with applicable requirements for public water supply. No violations are being alleged as a result of the investigation. Other violations associated to enforcement cases are still subject to enforcement, including penalties, upon review by the Enforcement Division.

The TCEQ appreciates your assistance in this matter and your compliance efforts to ensure protection of the State's environment. If you or members of your staff have any questions regarding these matters, please feel free to contact Ms. Jennelle Crane in the Abilenc Region Office at 325-698-6117.

Sincerely

Cliff Moore Water Section Work Leader Abilene Region Office

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From: noconamx <noconamx@aol.com> To: cris <cris@noconacpa.com>; reece <com> Subject: Fwd: Price list attached Date: Wed, Oct 7, 2015 2:44 pm Attachments: PriceSheets xls (357K)

Attached are the price lists I requested from KW Utility Construction. They specialize in our type of business so this should cover the issue on the backhoe paragraph, I hope.

-----Original Message-----From: Cindy Meeks <<u>custom water co@gmail com</u>> To: noconamx <<u>noconamx@aol com</u>> Sent: Wed, Oct 7, 2015 2:42 pm Subject: Fwd. Price list attached

Forwarded message -------From: **KW Construction** <<u>kwoffice@</u>kwcon<u>structioninc net</u>> Date: Wed, Oct 7, 2015 at 12:50 PM Subject. Price list attached To: custom water co@gmail.com

Cindy,

I have attached our price sheet. Please note that the minimum hours are based more for the oil field and Keary Williams, KW owner, will work with you and usually only charge the actual hours work per job. Do not hesitate to call me on any questions or concerns in regards.

Also, Keary said to mention to you that he used to maintain the water system at Pioneer Valley. Please keep that in mind as well.

Look forward to doing business with you.

Thank you,

Kristie Walton Kristie Walton Office Manager KW Utility Construction, Inc. ^{903-564-<u>5771</u> kwoffice@kwconstructioninc.net}





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One Man with Welding Truck	100.00 per hour	3 hour
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EQUIPMENT WITH OPERATOR OR DRIVER	95 00 per hour 25 00 per hour	3 hour
4x4 Caterpillar Backhoe with Extendahoe	23 00 per hour	<u>3 hour</u>
320 Caterpillar Trackhoe	85 00 per hour	
D5 Caterpillar Dozer	100 00 per hour	3 hour
D-6R Caterpillar Dozer	95.00 per hour	4 hour
D-6T Caterpillar Dozer	135 00 per hour	4 hour
140G Caterpillar Motor Grader	135.00 per hour	4 hour
246 Caterpillar Skidsteer with Attachments	100 00 per hour	4 hour
	70.00 per hour	4 hour
Water Truck-2000 gallons	85 00 per hour	3 hour
Ditchwitch Trencher	85.00 per hour	3 hour
Vermeer Brush Chipper Auger/Anchor Truck	70 00 per hour	3 hour
8' Anchors	50.00 per hour	3 hour
*Anchor Markers	125.00 per hour	3 hour
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5-Ton Haul Truck with Float	75.00 per hour	3 hour
1-Ton Winch Truck	100.00 per hour	3 hour
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March 30, 2012

Mr. Edward A. Fenoglio Custom Water Company, LLC 146 Alamo Road Montague, Texas 76251

Via E-mail

Re: SOAH Docket No. 582-12-3194 and TCEQ Docket No. 2011-1864-UCR: Application of Montague Water Systems to Change Its Water Rates and Tariff for Its Service Area Located in Montague County, Texas; Certificate of Convenience and Necessity No. 11779

Dear Mr. Fenogho

Enclosed is my statement for legal services rendered and expenses incurred during the months of January, February, and March, 2012. Legal fees are \$8,570.00 and expenses are \$630.70, for a total balance due of **\$9,100.70**. (Please note I am writing off \$1,400.00 in legal fees.) Your prompt payment will be greatly appreciated. Should you have questions, please contact me.

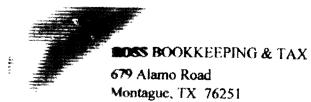
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Date 2/29/2012

To: Custom Water Co, LI C Eddic A Fenoglio 146 Alamo Road Montague, TX 76251

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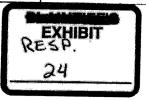
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regards to tax implications, profit and loss and depreciation. Examples of the documents related to these discussions are attached as *Exhibits* 15 - 18, 19 - 19C, 2D - 24

3. Form Objections

Mr. Lemon's letter is in the form of narrative testimony; this form was discussed and approved by Ms. Katherine Lengieza Gross during a conference with counsel for Custom Water Company prior to its submission. Custom Water Company at this time would respectfully request a two-week extension to resubmit its direct case in the format suggested by Staff. Custom Water Company joins Staff in requesting the remaining dates in the procedural schedule be modified as well.

Staff points to comments in the letter, indicating that the company could revise its application. Custom Water Company has taken note of several issues raised by Staff and documentation submitted by Staff, which in some we do not dispute Staff's conclusions, such as the TECQ items, however other issues and documents submitted by Staff either are mischaracterized or could be simple calculation errors, for example company work uniforms, telephone expense, security and assets on hand, specifically service trucks. In either case Custom Water Company reserves the right under \$22.76(a)(2) to amend it's pleadings with leave of the presiding officer to insure that we are presenting the Commission with data that is current and complete. *Exhibit* 13 - 13 G

The rate change process requires accurate information to allow the Commission to make an informed decision in the best interest of all the parties.

III. CONCLUSION

Custom Water Company objects to the letter from Mr. Lemon being stricken from the record and agrees with Staff that an extension of two weeks will allow the letter to be put in the proper format. Custom Water Company respectfully requests the Court to review the admissibility of the direct case information and the applicability of the Texas Rules Of Evidence to the testimony and the cited exemptions or statutory rules cited within. Custom Water Company agrees with Staff that the remaining dates in the procedural schedule be modified and is committed to working with all parties to allow all the information and data to be presented to the Commission in the interest of a proper decision.

Respectfully submitted,

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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I certify that a true copy of the above was served upon the Public Utility Commission of Texas and parties, by fax and /or electronic means on October 16, 2015.

/s/ Michael Ratliff MICHAEL RATLIFF