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**COMMISSION STAFF'S REQUEST FOR GOOD CAUSE EXCEPTION AND
EXTENSION OF TIME**

COMES NOW the Staff (Staff) of the Public Utility Commission of Texas (Commission), representing the public interest and files this Request for Good Cause Exception and Extension of Time. In support thereof, Staff shows the following:

I. BACKGROUND

On January 12, 2015, Custom Water Company, LLC (Custom Water) filed an application for a rate/tariff change with a proposed effective date of March 20, 2015. Under Custom Water's proposed rates, the monthly base rate including 1,000 gallons for a residential 5/8 or 3/4 pipe would increase from \$36.00 to \$54.43, and the gallonage charge would increase from \$5 to \$7 for each additional 1,000 gallons over the minimum.¹

Between March 20, 2015 and September 22, 2015, Customer Water charged its customers at the proposed rates. On October 7, 2015, State Office of Administrative Hearings (SOAH) Order No. 2 was issued setting interim rates back to Custom Water's previously approved rates. On December 3, 2015, SOAH dismissed the matter from the SOAH docket, based upon Custom Water's request to withdraw and remanded the matter to the Commission for action on the refund of fees collected.

On December 16, 2015, Commission Order No. 5 was issued requiring the parties to this proceedings shall file a joint proposed order, including findings of fact, conclusions of law, and ordering paragraphs along with a request to admit evidence and proposed tariff (if necessary) by January 8, 2016. Accordingly, this pleading is timely filed.

¹ Customer Water Company's Application at 34 (Jan. 12, 2015).

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II. STAFF'S REQUEST

Pursuant to 16 TAC § 22.4(b), Staff may request the time for filing any documents to be extended for good cause. Staff and Custom are finalizing a joint proposed order, including findings of fact, conclusions of law, and ordering paragraphs along with a request to admit evidence and proposed tariff, but require more time to resolve all issues. Staff has requested clarification and additional information from Custom regarding handling of refunds. Although Staff expects that the issue will be resolved shortly, Staff requests a good cause exception pursuant to 16 TAC § 22.4(b) that will allow Custom to file supplemental information regarding the refunds by January 22, 2016. Staff will propose an updated procedural schedule by February 5, 2016.

III. CONCLUSION

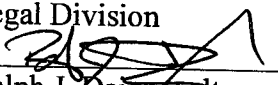
Staff respectfully requests that an order be issued consistent with this Request.

January 8, 2016

Respectfully Submitted,

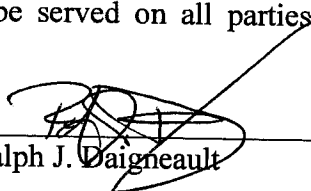
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I certify that a copy of this document will be served on all parties of record on January 8, 2016 in accordance with 16 TAC § 22.74.



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