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**COMMISSION STAFF'S RESPONSE TO ORDER NO. 6 AND REQUEST TO AMEND
PROCEDURAL SCHEDULE**

COMES NOW the Staff (Staff) of the Public Utility Commission of Texas (Commission), representing the public interest, and files this Commission Staff's Response to Order No. 6 and Request to Amend Procedural Schedule. In support thereof, Staff shows the following:

I. BACKGROUND

On March 11, 2015, City of Dripping Springs filed with the Commission an application to amend water Certificate of Convenience and Necessity (CCN) 13030 in Hays County, Texas.

In Order No. 5, issued October 9, 2015, the Commission Administrative Law Judge (ALJ) deemed Dripping Springs' application administratively complete. On November 9, 2015, Dripping Springs filed proof of notice mailed on November 4, 2015 and proof of the first newspaper notice, published November 5, 2015. On November 12, 2015, Dripping Springs filed proof of the second newspaper notice, published on the same day. In Order No. 6, issued on November 17, 2015, the ALJ set December 14, 2015 as the deadline for intervenor comments and hearing requests and January 8, 2016 as Staff's deadline to file a final recommendation or request a hearing. This pleading is timely filed.

II. UPDATED PROCEDURAL SCHEDULE

Staff is in discussions with Applicant to obtain additional information regarding the application. Staff requires this information in order to issue a final recommendation. Revising the Commission's mapping information is an intensive and time-consuming process and Staff will require additional time to process the information, revise the Commission's mapping information and create a new, revised map to accurately reflect this application. Upon completion of mapping, the Applicant must submit to the Commission a signed consent form evidencing its consent to the revised maps. In the event that the Applicant does not consent to the map as revised by Commission Staff, Staff and the Applicant will coordinate to rectify the situation and possibly revise the maps

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further to adequately reflect the intent of the application. Once Staff has received a completed and signed consent form from the Applicant, Staff will issue its final recommendation on the application, with all relevant documents attached, and subsequently file a notice of approval with findings of fact, conclusions of law, and ordering paragraphs. Therefore, Staff proposes the following procedural schedule:

Event	Date
Deadline for Staff to file a final recommendation, request a hearing, or submit an additional procedural schedule	February 19, 2016
Deadline to file joint proposed notice of approval	March 18, 2016


III. CONCLUSION

Staff respectfully requests that the ALJ issue an order consistent with this pleading.

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 January 7, 2015 in accordance with 16 TAC § 22.74.



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