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ORDER NO. 5 ABATING PROCEEDING

On August 25, 2015, Aqua Texas, Inc. d/b/a Aqua Texas (Aqua), the City of Tomball, and Public Utility Commission of Texas (Commission) Staff filed a joint motion to abate this proceeding. Specifically, on June 27, 2015, following notice of this proceeding by Aqua, the City of Tomball filed a letter of protest. Since that time, Aqua and the City of Tomball have conferred and, with Commission Staff support, request that this matter be abated in order to explore resolution without the need to refer the matter to the State Office of Administrative Hearings (SOAH). The City of Tomball has stated that it cannot fully consider Aqua's application until a city council meeting is convened in October.

The joint motion to abate this proceeding is granted until October 30, 2015, at which time, if not sooner, the parties will file a joint status report requesting either a new procedural schedule or continued abatement, and a Commission Staff recommendation regarding the application, if referral to SOAH is no longer warranted.

SIGNED AT AUSTIN, TEXAS the 26¹⁵ day of August 2015.

PUBLIC UTILITY COMMISSION OF TEXAS

ADMINISTRATIVE LAW JUDGE

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