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### **DOCKET NO. 44600**

# APPLICATION OF ROLLING HILLS§PUBLIC UTILITY COMMISSIONWATER SERVICE, INC. FOR A RATE§OF TEXASTARIFF CHANGE§OF TEXAS

## **COMMISSION STAFF'S UNOPPOSED REQUEST FOR ADDITIONAL TIME**

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

## I. BACKGROUND

On March 31, 2015 Rolling Hills Water Service, Inc. (Rolling Hills or Applicant) filed an Application for a Water Rate/Tariff Change (Application) for water certificate of convenience and necessity (CCN) No. 12724 in Hood County, Texas pursuant to Tex. Water Code. § 13.187 (TWC) and 16 Tex. Admin. Code § 24.22 (TAC). Rolling Hills reported an annual revenue increase of \$15,865 and proposed an effective date of June 1, 2015.

On May 1, 2015, Staff responded to Order No. 1 and recommended that Rolling Hills' application and notice be deemed administratively complete. In addition, Staff recommended that the rates proposed by Rolling Hills with an effective date of June 1, 2015, be approved and that Rolling Hills be permitted to charge the proposed rates, subject to a final Commission determination on the reasonableness of such rates. Order No. 2 deemed the application and notice administratively complete and gave Rolling Hills permission to implement the proposed rates, effective June 1, 2015, subject to a final Commission determination on the reasonableness of such rates. Order No. 2 deemed the reasonableness of such rates. Order No. 2 also set September 15, 2015 as the deadline for Staff to request a hearing or to file a recommendation on the compliance of Applicant's proposed tariff with the TWC and Commission Rules.

#### **II. REQUEST FOR ADDITIONAL TIME**

Staff is still in discussions with Applicant to resolve potential discrepancies in the Application. The Application lists the total number of customers as 78, which qualifies Rolling

Hills as a Class C utility.<sup>1</sup> For Class C utilities, Staff must request a hearing no later than 120 days after the effective date.<sup>2</sup> With an effective date of June 1, 2015, the 120 day deadline falls on September 29, 2015. Staff requests an extension of time to September 28, 2015 in order to file a final recommendation or request a hearing. The Applicant has represented that they are unopposed to this request for additional time.

## **III. CONCLUSION**

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

Dated: September 15, 2015

Respectfully Submitted,

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<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> Application of Rolling Hills Water Service, Inc. for a Rate/Tariff Change, at 14; 13 TWC § 13.002(4-c). <sup>2</sup> 16 TAC § 24.28(c)(1).

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# **CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE**

I certify that a copy of this document will be served on all parties of record on September 15, 2015 in accordance with 16 TAC § 22.74.

Alexander Petak