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**APPLICATION OF VM NEIGHBORS
WATER GROUP FOR EXEMPT
UTILITY REGISTRATION**

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APPLICANT'S STATUS UPDATE

Comes now, applicant VM Neighbors Water Group (VM Neighbors) to offer the following status update to the Public Utility Commission of Texas (the Commission).

I. BACKGROUND

VM Neighbors filed an application for exempt utility registration with the Commission on June 16, 2015. *See* Tex. Water Code Ann. § 13.242(c) (West 2008 & Supp. 2014) and 16 Tex. Admin. Code § 24.103(d) (TAC).

To qualify for exempt utility registration, a utility must not be located within the certificated area of another retail public utility. 16 TAC § 24.103(d)(1)(c). The area VM Neighbors serves was located within the boundaries of the certificate of convenience and necessity (CCN) of Childress Creek Water Supply Corporation (Childress Creek). Childress Creek supports the efforts of VM Neighbors to provide utility service within Childress Creek's CCN, and on June 16, 2015, Childress Creek filed an application to amend its CCN by decertifying the VM Neighbors tracts. Childress Creek's application to decertify the VM Neighbors tracts was docketed as Docket No. 44843. On September 7, 2016, the Commission issued its Notice of Approval of Childress Creek's application to amend its CCN in Docket No. 44843. The VM Neighbors tracts are therefore no longer within the certificated area of Childress Creek. *See* 16 TAC § 24.103(d).

On August 20, 2015, the Commission abated this proceeding pending resolution of the decertification effort in Docket 44843. Now that the VM Neighbors tracts have been decertified, VM Neighbors intends to file a motion to lift the abatement as soon as possible.

II. STATUS UPDATE

The President of VM Neighbors, Carl Bert Dickens, passed away earlier in 2016. The probating of his estate has contributed to the delay in VM Neighbors requesting to lift the abatement. Dickens' heirs and the members of VM Neighbors are in the process of electing a new board of directors for VM Neighbors and should finish that process within a matter of weeks. VM Neighbors will then file a motion to lift the abatement.

Respectfully Submitted,

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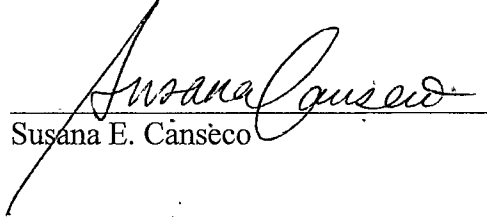
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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I, Susana E. Canseco, attorney for applicant VM Neighbors Water Group, certify that a copy of this document was served on all parties of record in this proceeding on the 8th day of November, 2016 in accordance with 16 TAC § 22.74.



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