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COMMISSION STAFF'S REQUEST FOR EXTENSION

COMES NOW the Staff (Staff) of the Public Utility Commission of Texas (Commission) representing the public interest and files this Response to Order No. 4 and Request for Extension.

I. Background

On August 3, 2014, Ranch Country of Texas, Inc. (Ranch Country) filed an application to amend its water Certificate of Convenience and Necessity (CCN) No. 12918 in Austin County (Application).

On January 5, 2016, the Administrative Law Judge (ALJ) issued Order No. 4 granting Staff's request for extension. Order No. 4 also required Staff to file additional comments regarding administrative completeness along with a proposed schedule by January 26, 2016. Therefore, this Response and Request for Extension is timely filed.

II. Staff's Request for Extension

Pursuant to 16 Tex. Admin. Code § 22.4(b) (TAC), Staff may request the time for filing any documents be extended for good cause. After reviewing Ranch Country's supplemental mapping data filed on December 4, 2015, Staff identified deficiencies in the supplemental digital maps. Staff and Ranch Country are in the process of finalizing the corrected digital mapping data. Therefore, Staff requests the ALJ find good cause to extend the deadline for Staff to file additional comments regarding administrative completeness along with a proposed procedural schedule.

Staff proposes Ranch Country be ordered to file supplemental mapping data by **February 2**, **2016**. Additionally, Staff proposes to file additional comments regarding administrative completeness along with a proposed procedural schedule by **February 16**, **2016**.

III. Conclusion

Staff respectfully requests the entry of an order consistent with the above request.

Dated: January 25, 2016

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I certify that a copy of this document will be served on all parties of record on this January 25, 2016 in accordance with 16 TAC § 22.74.

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