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The Honorable Holly Vandrovec
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Re: PUC Docket No. 45283
SOAH Docket No. 473-16-1834.WS

Ratepayers' Appeal of the Decision by North San Saba Water Supply Corporation to Change Rates

I have reviewed your Proposal for Decision (PFD) for the above referenced matter. I have several concerns that I will present.

I will begin the last paragraph on page twelve.

In the first sentence, I see the words "relatively few connections". I am certain that the number of connections applicable for this proceeding is 293. In the same sentence, I find the words "spread over a large area". This large area is not quantified. This large area in question is most likely not even known. It has not been defined. Furthermore, even it was known, it would not likely be useful in a rate calculation. Also in this sentence, I find the words "many miles of pipe". These miles are not quantified.

The goal of this proceeding, as it appears to me, is to calculate rates to be charged that can be justified. These calculations will be done with numbers.

As we have seen, of the three items mentioned above, for only the number of connections do we have a value. Yet, the view of the Administrative Law Judge (ALJ) is that this "merits a change in allocations of fixed and variable cost for repairs and maintenance."

Back to this same paragraph, I am told that the operator, Mr. Broyles, testified that 80% of the cost of repair and maintenance are for pipe leaks. The 80% number is the basis for the ALJ's determination that the fixed cost is \$295,147.14.

I am not aware of calculations or any document supplied by Mr. Broyles that supports the 80% number.

For the record, I have complete confidence in the Public Utility Commission Staff (Staff) that has worked so hard on this case. At this point, I want to state that I agree with the recommendations of the Staff and I pray that when this case is considered by the Public

Utility Commission, they will accept the recommendations of the Staff.

I would like to express my appreciation to the Staff and to the ALJ for their hard work in the effort to resolve this case.

Sincerely,



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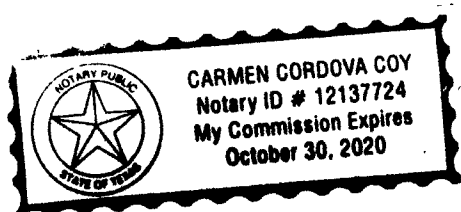
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