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CHANGE RATES §

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**COMMISSION STAFF'S REQUEST FOR AN EXTENSION**

Commission Staff (Staff) of the Public Utility Commission of Texas (Commission) files its Request for an Extension. Staff requests that the Commission extend the deadline for replies to exceptions to the Proposal for Decision from February 16, 2017 to March 2, 2017. In support of its Request for an Extension, Staff states the following:

**I. Background**

This proceeding involves the appeal of water rates established by the North San Saba Water Supply Corporation (North San Saba WSC). On January 17, 2017, the State Office of Administrative Hearings issued a Proposal for Decision that recommended water rates for North San Saba WSC.

On January 23, 2017, the Commission established deadlines for exceptions and replies to the Proposal for Decision. February 16, 2017 is the deadline for filing replies to exceptions to the Proposal for Decision.

Subsequent to the issuance of the Proposal for Decision, it is Staff's understanding that members of the appealing ratepayers and North San Saba WSC have engaged in various settlement discussions.

**II. Request for an Extension**

The Commission's procedural rules permit deadlines to be extended upon a showing of good cause.<sup>1</sup> There is good cause in this proceeding to extend the February 16, 2017 deadline for filing replies to exceptions to the Proposal for Decision because it would be beneficial for the appealing ratepayers and North San Saba WSC to have additional time to engage in further settlement discussions.

<sup>1</sup> 16 Tex. Admin. Code § 22.4(b).

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Staff has conferred with counsel for North San Saba WSC, and counsel for North San Saba WSC does not oppose Staff's requested extension.

### **III. Conclusion**

Staff requests that the Commission extend the deadline for replies to exceptions to the Proposal for Decision from February 16, 2017 to March 2, 2017.

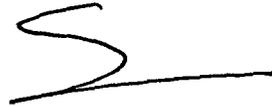
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Respectfully Submitted,

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