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RATEPAYERS' APPEAL OF THE
DECISION BY NORTH SAN SABA
WATER SUPPLY CORPORATION TO
CHANGE RATES

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PUBLIC UTILITY COMMISSION
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COMMISSION OF TEXAS

COMMISSION STAFF'S REQUEST FOR RULING

COMES NOW the Staff of the Public Utility Commission of Texas (Staff), representing the public interest, and files this Request for Ruling and would show the following:

I. BACKGROUND

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

On January 23, 2017, a Letter was issued revising the deadlines for filing exceptions and replies to exceptions to the Proposal for Decision to February 2, 2017 and February 16, 2017, respectively. Staff timely filed its exceptions to the Proposal for Decision on February 2. On February 14, 2017, Staff filed an unopposed request that the deadline for filing replies to exceptions to the Proposal for Decision be extended until March 2, 2017 in order to allow NSSWSC and the appealing ratepayers additional time to engage in settlement discussions.

II. REQUEST FOR RULING

No ruling granting or denying the extension request has been issued. As no documents relating to a possible settlement have been filed, Staff respectfully requests that a ruling on Staff's extension request be issued to provide clarity to Staff and the appealing ratepayers¹ on whether and when to file replies to exceptions to the Proposal for Decision if the parties are ultimately unable to reach a settlement.

¹ NSSWSC filed replies to exceptions to the Proposal for Decision on February 16, 2017. In light of the settlement discussions and the extension request, Staff and the appealing ratepayers have not filed replies to exceptions to the Proposal for Decision.

III. CONCLUSION

For the reasons stated above, Staff requests that a ruling on Staff's unopposed February 14 extension request be issued to provide clarity to Staff and the appealing ratepayers.

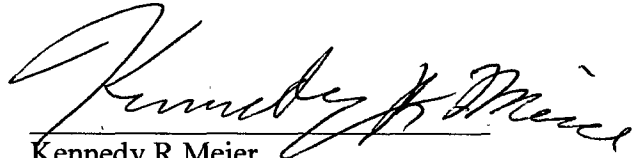
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Respectfully Submitted,

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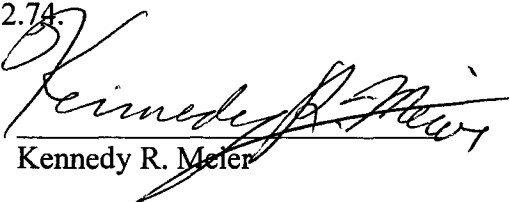


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