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APPLICATION OF HOE WATER SUPPLY CORPORATION AND HARRIS COUNTY MUD NO. 480 FOR SALE, TRANSFER, OR MERGER OF CERTIFICATE RIGHTS IN HARRIS COUNTY	§ § § § § §	BEFORE THE STATE OFFICE OF ADMINISTRATIVE HEARINGS
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COMMISSION STAFF'S STATUS UPDATE

COMES NOW the Staff of the Public Utility Commission of Texas (Staff), representing the public interest, and files this Response to SOAH Order No. 2 and Status Update. In support thereof, Staff would show the following:

I. BACKGROUND

On January 11, 2016, HOE Water Supply Corporation (HOE WSC) and Harris County Municipal Utility District No. 480 (Harris County MUD) filed an application for approval of a sale, transfer, or merger of facilities and certificate of convenience and necessity (CCN) rights in Harris County (Application). HOE WSC seeks approval to transfer a portion of its water service area to Harris County MUD. On October 27, 2016, the SOAH Administrative Law Judge (ALJ) issued SOAH Order No. 2 abating the proceeding and requiring the parties to file monthly status reports beginning November 30, 2016. Therefore, this status update is timely filed.

II. STATUS UPDATE

The parties continue to work towards resolving the issue of acquiring Texas Commission on Environmental Quality's (TCEQ) approval of facility and distribution plans for the new water system. Therefore, Staff requests that the ALJ continue to abate the proceeding to allow additional time for Harris County MUD to acquire TCEQ approval. Staff has discussed the progress of the case with all parties and represents all parties agree with this status report.

III. CONCLUSION

Staff respectfully requests that the ALJ continue the abatement in this proceeding. The parties will file a Status Report on December 30, 2016.

Dated: November 30, 2016

Respectfully Submitted,

**PUBLIC UTILITY COMMISSION OF TEXAS
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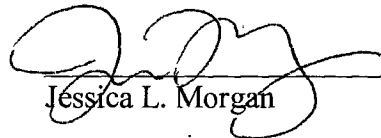
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