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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. 3 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 December 5, 2016, the SOAH Administrative Law Judge (ALJ) issued SOAH Order No. 3 continuing the abatement of the proceeding and requiring Staff to file a status report on or before December 30, 2016. Therefore, this status update is timely filed.

II. STATUS UPDATE

Staff has attempted to discuss the progress of the case with Harris County MUD, but has been able to ascertain the status of Harris County MUD's request for TCEQ approval. Harris County MUD, as the party seeking TCEQ approval, is in the best position to provide status updates. Staff respectfully requests the ALJ to require Harris County MUD to provide a status report on its request by January 30, 2017. Staff is unopposed to continuing the abatement of the proceeding to allow a reasonable amount of additional time for Harris County MUD to acquire TCEQ approval so long as Harris County MUD is actively seeking TCEQ approval and expects to receive such approval within a reasonable amount of time.

III. CONCLUSION

Staff respectfully requests that the ALJ issue an Order consistent with the discussion above.

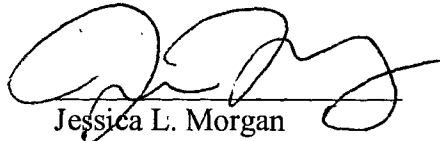
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Respectfully Submitted,

**PUBLIC UTILITY COMMISSION OF TEXAS
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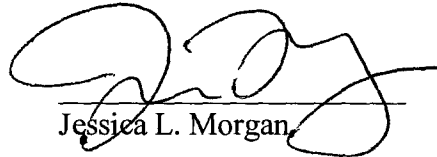
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