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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

OF

BEFORE

COMMISSION

ADMINISTRATIVE HEARINGS

## **SOAH ORDER NO. 4 CONTINUING ABATEMENT AND** ACKNOWLEDGING NEW COUNSEL

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On December 30, 2016, Public Utility Commission staff (Staff) filed a status report and reported that the parties are continuing to work toward resolving the issue of acquiring approval from the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality (TCEQ) for approval of facility and distribution plans for a new water system. However, Staff reports that Harris County Municipal Utility District No. 480 (Harris County MUD) is in a better position to provide status updates regarding its progress in acquiring TCEQ approval, and asks that Harris County MUD be directed before January 30, 2017, to provide status reports regarding the current state of its case at the TCEQ. On January 5, 2017, Staff filed its change of counsel advising that Mr. Petak was replacing Ms. Morgan on this case.

The Administrative Law Judge finds the request has merit. Therefore, the ABATEMENT IN THIS CASE IS CONTINUED. On or before February 15, 2017, Harris County MUD will file a status report advising whether this case can be settled, whether a further abatement is in order, or whether a new hearing date and procedural schedule should be adopted. Staff's change of counsel is also recognized and Mr. Petak will be recognized as counsel for Staff.

SIGNED January 20, 2017.

ADMINISTRATIVE LAW JUDGE STATE OFFICE OF ADMINISTRATIVE HEARINGS