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APPLICATION OF CHARLES  
BRANCH DBA DOUCHETTE WATER  
SYSTEM AND LAKESIDE WATER  
SUPPLY AND THOMAS AND  
DANASA RAWLS FOR SALE,  
TRANSFER, OR MERGER OF  
FACILITIES AND CERTIFICATE  
RIGHTS IN TYLER COUNTY

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BEFORE THE STATE OFFICE

PUBLIC UTILITY COMMISSION  
FILING CLERK

OF

ADMINISTRATIVE HEARINGS

SOAH ORDER NO. 1  
CASE DESCRIPTION, NOTICE OF PREHEARING CONFERENCE,  
AND FILING REQUIREMENTS

I. DESCRIPTION OF CASE

On February 17, 2016, Charles Branch d/ba Douchette Water System and Lakeside Water Supply and Thomas and Danasa Rawls filed an application for sale, transfer, or merger of facilities. On November 21, 2016, the Public Utility Commission (Commission) referred the case to the State Office of Administrative Hearings (SOAH), requesting the assignment of an Administrative Law Judge (ALJ) to conduct a hearing and issue a proposal for decision, if such is necessary. The Commission has jurisdiction pursuant to Texas Water Code §§ 13.041, .301. SOAH has jurisdiction over matters relating to the conduct of the hearing in this proceeding pursuant to Texas Government Code § 2003.049. The Commission will consider this case at its January 12, 2017 open meeting and subsequently issue a preliminary order.

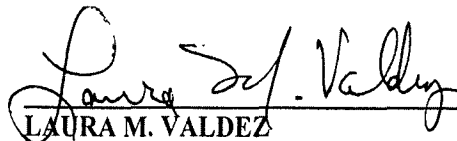
II. NOTICE OF PREHEARING CONFERENCE

The ALJ will convene a prehearing conference at **10:00 a.m. on Monday, January, 23, 2017**, in a SOAH hearing room located on the Fourth Floor of the William P. Clements Building, 300 West 15th Street, Austin, Texas. The prehearing conference will address a procedural and discovery schedule, the hearing on the merits date(s), notice, and any other issues that will assist the ALJ in the fair disposition of this case.

### III. FILING AND SERVICE PROCEDURES

All pleadings shall be filed with the Commission's filing clerk, not with the SOAH filing clerk. The Commission's filing clerk will forward a copy of the pleadings to SOAH. Therefore, all findings must include both the SOAH and Commission docket numbers.

**SIGNED: December 20, 2016.**

  
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LAURA M. VALDEZ  
ADMINISTRATIVE LAW JUDGE  
STATE OFFICE OF ADMINISTRATIVE HEARINGS