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

ADMINISTRATIVE HEARINGS

COMMISSION STAFF'S STATUS REPORT

Commission Staff (Staff) of the Public Utility Commission of Texas (Commission) files its Status Report. In support of its Status Report, Staff states the following:

I. Background

Charles Branch d/b/a Doucette Water System and Lakeside Water Supply (Doucette Water System) and Thomas and Danasa Rawls (the Rawls) request the approval of the sale and transfer of certain water assets and a corresponding water certificate of convenience and necessity (CCN No. 12001) for a certificated service area in Tyler County, Texas. Doucette Water System is the seller, and the Rawls are the purchasers.

On November 21, 2016, the Commission referred this proceeding to the State Office of Administrative Hearings.

On January 24, 2017, the State Office of Administrative Hearings (SOAH) issued SOAH Order No. 2, which requires Staff to file a status update on this proceeding.¹

II. Status Report

Staff has reviewed additional information submitted by Doucette Water System and the Rawls, and Staff has determined that it is able to make a recommendation on Doucette Water System and the Rawls' application without the need for an evidentiary hearing. As part of its recommendation, Staff will need to prepare proposed service area maps, proposed amendments to

¹ SOAH Order No. 2 requires Staff to file a status report by February 13, 2017. Staff's Status Report is therefore timely filed.

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certificates of convenience and necessity, and proposed tariffs. Staff will need time to prepare and to receive Doucette Water System's and the Rawls' consent to these documents.

Staff requests that it be given until March 31, 2017 to file a status report on its recommendation and accompanying documents for Doucette Water System and the Rawls' application. To the extent possible, Staff will seek to complete its recommendation and accompanying documents by the March 31, 2017 deadline.

III. Conclusion

Staff requests that it be given until March 31, 2017 to file a status report on its recommendation and accompanying documents for Doucette Water System and the Rawls' application.

Date: February 10, 2017

Respectfully Submitted,

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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I certify that a copy of this document will be served on all parties of record on February 10, 2017, in accordance with 16 TAC § 22.74.



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