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APPLICATION OF AQUA TEXAS, INC. AND MONTGOMERY COUNTY MUNICIPAL UTILITY DISTRICT NO. 126 FOR APPROVAL OF A SERVICE AGREEMENT DESIGNATING 80000000 SERIVCE AREA AND CERTIFICATE RIGHTS, AND TO DECERTIFY CERTAIN AREAS IN MONTGOMERY COUNTY

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COMMISSION STAFF'S REQUEST FOR EXTENSION

COMES NOW the Staff (Staff) of the Public Utility Commission of Texas (Commission) representing the public interest and files this Response to Order No. 1 and Request for Extension.

I. Background

On February 24, 2016, Aqua Texas, Inc. d/b/a Aqua Texas (Aqua) and Montgomery County Municipal Utility District No. 126 (MUD 126) filed an application for approval of a service agreement under Texas Water Code § 13.248 (TWC), which would transfer a portion of Aqua's water certificate of convenience (CCN) No. 13203 and sewer CCN No. 21065 service areas to MUD 126, and to decertify a portion of Aqua's water CCN No. 13203 and sewer CCN No. 21065 in Montgomery County.

On March 1, 2016, the Administrative Law Judge (ALJ) issued Order No. 1 requiring Staff to provide comments on the administrative completeness of the application and proposed notice. Order No. 1 also required Staff to file additional comments regarding whether this application is appropriate under TWC § 13.248 on or before March 24, 2016. Therefore, this Response and Request for Extension is timely filed.

II. Staff's Request for Extension

Pursuant to 16 Tex. Admin. Code § 22.4(b) (TAC), Staff may request the time for filing any documents be extended for good cause. After reviewing the application, Staff began communications with Aqua to determine the appropriate procedure for processing this application. Staff and Aqua are in the process of supplementing the application. Therefore, Staff

requests the ALJ find good cause to extend the deadline for Staff to file comments regarding the administrative completeness of the application and proposed notice.

Staff proposes to file comments regarding administrative completeness along with a proposed procedural schedule and comments regarding whether the application is appropriate under TWC § 13.248 by April 25, 2016.

III. Conclusion

Staff respectfully requests the entry of an order consistent with the above request.

Dated: March 23, 2016

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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I certify that a copy of this document will be served on all parties of record on this March 23, 2016 in accordance with 16 TAC \S 22.74.

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