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**COMMISSION STAFF'S RECOMMENDATION ON THE ADMINISTRATIVE
COMPLETENESS OF THE APPLICATION**

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 Recommendation on the Administrative Completeness of the Application, and would show the following:

I. Background

On March 4, 2016, Copano Heights Water Company (Copano) filed with the Public Utility Commission of Texas (Commission) an application for a rate/tariff change affecting certificate of convenience and necessity (CCN) No. 11960 in Aransas County. The effective date of the proposed increase is June 12, 2016. On March 8, 2016, Order No. 1 was issued requiring Staff to file comments on the administrative completeness of the application and both Staff and Copano to file comments regarding how this application should be processed and propose a procedural schedule, if appropriate. Accordingly, this pleading is timely filed.

II. Comments Regarding Sufficiency of Application and Notice

Review for administrative completeness of CCN applications is governed by 16 Tex. Admin. Code § 24.8 (TAC). An administrative review of the application and notice has been made pursuant to Texas Water Code §§ 13.13871 (TWC) and 16 TAC §§ 24.21 through 24.26, and, based on the attached memorandum of Janie Kohl, Financial Analyst and Sean Scaff, Engineer Specialist of the Water Utility Regulation Division, Staff recommends that the application and notice be found administratively complete and accepted for filing.

III. Proposed Procedural Schedule

Staff and Copano have conferred but do not propose a procedural schedule at this time. The parties are in the process of determining the appropriate processing of this application and will jointly file a supplemental proposed procedural schedule on April 11, 2016.

IV. Conclusion

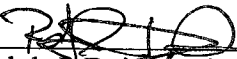
Staff respectfully requests that an order be issued consistent with this Recommendation.

Dated: April 4, 2016

Respectfully Submitted,

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PUC Interoffice Memorandum

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From: Janie Kohl, Financial Analyst
Sean Scaff, Engineer Specialist
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Date: April 4, 2016

Subject: **Docket No. 45693**, *Application of Copano Heights Water Company for a Water Rate/Tariff Change*

On March 4, 2016, Copano Heights Water Company (Applicant) filed an application with the Public Utilities Commission of Texas (PUC) for a rate/tariff change affecting certificate of convenience and necessity (CCN) No. 11960 in Aransas County. An administrative review of the application and notice has been made pursuant to Texas Water Code §§ 13.13871 (TWC) and 16 Tex. Admin. Code (TAC) §§ 24.21 through 24.26.

Staff has completed the administrative review and recommends the application and notice meets the statutory and rule requirements and be should be found administratively complete and accepted for filing.