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WATER COMPANY FOR A \$
RATE/TARIFF CHANGE \$

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JOINT PROPOSED PROCEDURAL SCHEDULE

COMES NOW the Staff (Staff) of the Public Utility Commission of Texas (Commission), representing the public interest, and files this Joint Proposed Procedural Schedule, 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 April 7, 2016, Order No. 2 was issued requiring Staff and Copano to propose a procedural schedule by April 11, 2016. Accordingly, this pleading is timely filed.

II. Proposed Procedural Schedule

Staff and Copano have conferred and jointly propose the following procedural schedule:

| Event | Deadline |
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| Date application was filed with the Commission: | March 4, 2016 |
| Deadline for Copano to provide notice to ratepayers and any affected parties: | April 20, 2016 |
| Deadline for Copano to file affidavits of proof of notice: | May 20, 2016 ¹ |
| Proposed effective date of rate change | June 12, 2016 |

¹ Pursuant to 16 Tex. Admin Code § 24.22(b)(5)

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| Deadline for ratepayers or any affected municipality to protest rates: | September 12, 2016 ² |
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| If no protest from affected municipality or sufficient ratepayer protests received, deadline for Commission Staff to request a hearing OR to file a recommendation on the compliance of Copano's proposed tariff with the Texas Water Code and the PUC substantive rules: | September 30, 2016 |
| Deadline for the Commission to set the matter for hearing: | October 10, 2016 ³ |
| Deadline for Copano to respond to Staff recommendation on tariff compliance or request for a hearing; OR if no disputed issues exist, deadline for parties to file proposed findings of fact, conclusions of law, and ordering paragraphs: | October 10, 2016 |

III. Conclusion

Staff respectfully requests that an order be issued adopting this procedural schedule.

Dated: April 11, 2016

Respectfully Submitted,

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² Pursuant to 16 Tex. Admin Code § 24.28(c)(2), the commission shall set the matter for a hearing if it receives a complaint from any affected municipality or protests from the lesser of 1,000 or 10 percent of the affected ratepayers of the utility over whose rates the commission has original jurisdiction, during the first 90 days after the effective date of the proposed rate change. Ninety days after the proposed effective date of the rate change is September 10, 2016, a Saturday. Pursuant to 16 Tex. Admin Code § 22.4(b), the next business day is Monday September 12, 2016.

³ Pursuant to 16 Tex. Admin Code § 24.28(c)(1), The commission may set the matter for hearing on its own motion at any time within 120 days after the effective date of the rate change. One hundred and twenty days after the proposed effective date of the rate change is October 10, 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 April 11, 2016, in accordance with 16 TAC \S 22.74.

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