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APPLICATION OF RIO CONCHO
AVIATION, INC. FOR A
RATE/TARIFF CHANGE

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BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITY COMMISSION
PUBLIC UTILITY COMMISSION
OF TEXAS
FILING CLERK

**COMMISSION STAFF'S REPLIES TO EXCEPTIONS TO THE PROPOSAL FOR
DECISION**

COMES NOW the Staff (Staff) of the Public Utility Commission of Texas (Commission), representing the public interest, and files this Commission Staff's Replies to Exceptions to the Proposal for Decision, and would show the following:

Commission Advising and Docket Management established April 13, 2017 as the deadline for filing replies to exceptions to the Proposal for Decision (PFD) issued on March 23, 2017 in this proceeding.

In addition to Staff, Rio Concho Aviation, Inc. (Rio Concho) and the Ratepayers¹ timely filed exceptions to the PFD. Rio Concho acknowledged that its exceptions were largely composed of excerpts from its initial brief and reply brief.² As a result, Rio Concho has presented no new arguments in its exceptions that were not already addressed in the parties' initial and reply briefs. To avoid filing unnecessarily duplicative argument, Staff would refer to its initial and reply briefs, where it has already addressed Rio Concho's assertions. The Ratepayers' exceptions proposed certain clarifications to the PFD. Staff has no objections to any of the clarifications offered by the Ratepayers; therefore, no replies to the Ratepayers exceptions are warranted.

For the above stated reasons, Staff does not have any replies to exceptions.

¹ Steve Grace and Jeff Sheets.

² Rio Concho's Exceptions to the Proposal for Decision at 3 (Apr. 3, 2017).

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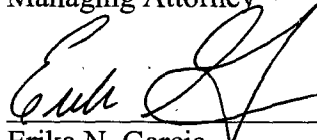
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Respectfully submitted,

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I certify that a copy of this document was served on all parties of record on April 13, 2017, in accordance with 16 TAC § 22.74.


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