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APPLICATION OF SHORE-TECH, INC. DBA L&M WATER DEVELOPMENT COMPANY FOR A RATE/TARIFF CHANGE	§ § § §	PUBLIC UTILITY COMMISSION OF TEXAS
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**COMMISSION STAFF'S STATUS UPDATE
AND MOTION TO EXTEND ABATEMENT**

COMES NOW the Commission Staff (Staff) of the Public Utility Commission of Texas (Commission), representing the public interest, and files this Status Update and Motion to Extend Abatement. In support thereof, Staff shows the following:

I. BACKGROUND

On June 28, 2016, Shore-Tech, Inc. d/b/a L&M Water Development Company (Shore-Tech) filed an application with the Public Utility Commission of Texas (Commission) for a rate/tariff change pursuant to 16 Tex. Admin. Code §§ 24.21 – 24.36 (TAC). Shore-Tech seeks a rate increase for its public water system (PWS) #1010145 in Galveston County, Texas. On April 26, 2017, this proceeding was referred to the State Office of Administrative Hearings (SOAH).

On May 17, 2017, the SOAH Administrative Law Judge (ALJ) issued Order No. 3, abating the proceeding in order to give the parties an opportunity to prepare settlement documents and requiring the parties to file an appropriate pleading by June 6, 2017. Therefore, this pleading is timely filed.

II. MOTION TO EXTEND ABATEMENT

Staff has been in communications with the representative for Shore-Tech in this docket, Mike Bratsen, and has reached a settlement position. However, Staff and Shore-Tech have not yet finalized the agreed-upon stipulation, proposed final order, and other accompanying documentation. Additionally, Staff counsel is presently participating in a hearing at SOAH for an unrelated proceeding and will have a short vacation conflict immediately after that hearing is finished. Accordingly, Staff respectfully requests that the abatement in this docket be extended until June 23, 2017 to give the parties time to finalize the settlement documentation, obtain internal management approvals, and avoid scheduling conflicts.

Staff is authorized to represent that Shore-Tech agrees to an extension of the abatement of this docket until June 23, 2017. If the ALJ grants this motion to extend abatement, Staff intends to jointly file appropriate settlement documentation on June 23, 2017.

III. CONCLUSION

For the above stated reasons, Staff respectfully requests that the ALJ extend the abatement of this docket until June 23, 2017.


Dated: June 6, 2017

Respectfully Submitted,

**PUBLIC UTILITY COMMISSION OF TEXAS
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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I, Matthew Arth, staff attorney for the Public Utility Commission of Texas, certify that a copy of this document was served on all parties of record on June 6, 2017, in accordance with the requirements of 16 Tex. Admin. Code § 22.74.



Matthew A. Arth