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| APPLICATION OF SHORE-TECH INC. | § | BEFORE THE STATE OFFICE |
| DBA L&M WATER DEVELOPMENT | § | |
| COMPANY FOR A RATE/TARIFF | § | ADMINISTRATIVE HEARINGS |
| CHANGE | § | |

**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 response to SOAH Order No. 4, Staff's Status Update and Motion to Extend Abatement. Staff respectfully requests that the abatement of this proceeding be extended until June 27, 2017. In support thereof, Staff shows the following:

I. BACKGROUND

On June 28, 2016, Shore-Tech, Inc. dba 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) No. 0840229 in Galveston County, Texas.

On April 26, 2017, this proceeding was referred to the State Office of Administrative Hearings (SOAH). On June 9, 2017, SOAH Order No. 4 further extended the abatement of this proceeding until June 23, 2017 in order to give the parties an opportunity to prepare settlement documents.

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. Staff respectfully requests that the abatement of this docket be extended until June 27, 2017 to give the parties time to sign and file the settlement documentation.

III. CONCLUSION

For the reasons stated above, Staff respectfully requests the entry of an order extending the abatement of this proceeding until to June 27, 2017.

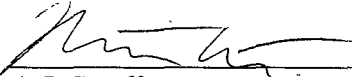
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Respectfully Submitted,

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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I certify that a copy of this document will be served on all parties of record on June 23, 2017, in accordance with the requirements of 16 Tex. Admin. Code § 22.74.



Matthew A. Arth