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APPLICATION OF SHORE-TECH, INC. DBA L&M WATER DEVELOPMENT COMPANY FOR A RATE/TARIFF CHANGE ECEIVED

COMMISSION STAFF'S CORRECTIONS TO THE PROPOSED ORDER

COMES NOW the Commission Staff (Staff) of the Public Utility Commission of Texas (Commission), representing the public interest, and files this response to the Proposed Order, Staff's Corrections to the Proposed Order. The Proposed Order states that parties shall file corrections by August 9, 2017. Therefore this pleading is timely filed.

Staff notes that the Proposed Order states in Finding of Fact No. 1 that Shore-Tech's original application requested, among other things, a "change [to] the gallonage charge of \$5.00 to \$1.86." Shore-Tech's original application requested that the gallonage charge be increased from \$5.00 per 1,000 gallons to a tiered system of \$6.60 per 1,000 gallons for the first 5,000 gallons, \$13.20 per 1,000 gallons for 5,001 to 10,000 gallons, and \$39.60 per 1,000 gallons for 10,001 to 30,000 gallons.¹ Shore-Tech subsequently amended its proposed rates, including the gallonage charge.² Staff respectfully recommends that Finding of Fact No. 1 in the final order be amended to reflect this. Accordingly, Staff also recommends that Finding of Fact No. 15 be amended to replace the phrase "the same gallonage charge" with a \$1.86 gallonage charge. Staff proposes that the Commission adopt the following two revised Findings of Fact in its final order:

 On June 28, 2016, Shore-Tech filed an application for authority to change water rates and proposed an effective date of September 29, 2016. This original application proposed to increase the monthly base rate of \$11.25 to \$42.38, change the gallonage charge of \$5.00 per 1,000 gallons to a tiered system of \$6.60 per 1,000 gallons for the first 5,000 gallons, \$13.20 per 1,000 gallons for 5,001 to 10,000 gallons, and \$39.60 per 1,000 gallons for 10,001 to 30,000 gallons, and revise certain miscellaneous fees.

¹ See Proof of Notice at 5 (July 19, 2016).

² See Amendments to Shore-Tech's Application (Oct. 12, 2016); see also Notice of Proposed Rate Change to Customers (Nov. 28, 2016).

15. On November 28, 2016, Shore-Tech filed additional proof of notice and an affidavit in support of the revised application. Shore-Tech's notice proposed a revised monthly base rate of \$36.10, a revised gallonage charge of \$1.86 per 1,000 gallons, an effective date of January 1, 2017, and a surcharge of \$8.87 per connection per month for 36 months for system upgrades.

Dated: August 8, 2017

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 August 8,

2017 in accordance with the requirements of 16 Tex. Admin. Code § 22.74.

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