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## APPLICATION OF DOUBLE DIAMOND UTILITY COMPANY, INC. FOR WATER AND SEWER RATE/TARIFF CHANGE

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# **DOUBLE DIAMOND'S AGREED MOTION TO SEVER RATE CASE EXPENSES**

#### TO THE HONORABLE ADMINISTRATIVE LAW JUDGES:

COMES NOW, Double Diamond Utility Company, Inc. ("Double Diamond"), in the above styled and docketed water and wastewater rate proceeding and serves this, its Agreed Motion to Sever Rate Case Expenses.

# I. MOTION TO SEVER RATE CASE EXPENSES

Double Diamond requests that all rate case expense issues be severed from this proceeding and considered in a separate docket. Such severance would serve the interest of efficiency, consistent with 16 Tex. Admin. Code § 22.34(b), and is consistent with severance of rate case expense issues in other rate cases. Severing rate case expenses will avoid the need for parties to provide estimates and updates on rate case expenses, as well as additional testimony, before the expenses are finalized and before a substantial portion of rate case expenses will be incurred. Severance also serves to eliminate procedural uncertainty by establishing a separate docket within which rate case expense issues will be considered after the rate case issues in this docket are resolved.

#### II. AGREEMENT

The parties in this proceeding have conferred and are in agreement that such severance is in the best interest of the efficiency of this proceeding.

## III. <u>PRAYER</u>

WHEREFORE, PREMISES CONSIDERED, Double Diamond respectfully requests this Honorable Administrative Law Judge issue an order approving the motion to sever rate case expenses.

Respectfully submitted,

By:

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## **CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE**

I hereby certify that I have served or will serve a true and correct copy of the foregoing document via hand delivery, facsimile, electronic mail, overnight mail, U.S. mail and/or Certified Mail Return Receipt Requested to all parties on this the 18<sup>th</sup> day of October, 2017.

John Carlton