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DIAMOND UTILITY COMPANY, INC. §
FOR WATER AND SEWER §
RATE/TARIFF CHANGE §

BEFORE THE STATE OFFICE
OF
ADMINISTRATIVE HEARINGS

DOUBLE DIAMOND UTILITY COMPANY, INC.'S
OBJECTIONS TO WHITE BLUFF RATEPAYERS GROUP'S
FIFTH REQUEST FOR INFORMATION
WBRG NO. 5-1 THROUGH 5-12

COMES NOW, Double Diamond Utility Company, Inc. ("DDU") and files its Objections to White Bluff Ratepayers Group's Fifth Request for Information – WBRG No. 5-1 through 5-12. DDU agrees and stipulates that all parties may treat these responses as if they were filed under oath.

Respectfully submitted,


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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 19th day of October, 2017


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**WBRG'S FIFTH REQUEST FOR INFORMATION TO
DOUBLE DIAMOND UTILITY COMPANY, INC.
WBRG NO. 5-1 THROUGH 5-12**

WBRG 5-1: Please provide complete federal income tax returns, including all supporting work papers filed in relation to Double Diamond, or any parent or other affiliate of Double Diamond that included revenues and expenses associated with Double Diamond, for the years 1991 to present.

OBJECTION: DDU objects to this request as irrelevant and overbroad, in that the request is partially related to financial records that pre-date the test year used to establish the rates and the records of those prior years are irrelevant for this proceeding. Further, the requested tax returns, workpapers and supporting schedules, are immaterial to this proceeding. *See Hall v Lawlis*, 907 S.W.2d 493 (Tex. 1995). In addition, the information related to DDU's financial condition is available from other sources and some of that information has already been produced, which renders production of the requested tax returns, workpapers and supporting schedules duplicative. *See In Re Williams*, 328 S.W.3d 103 (Tex.App.—Corpus Christi 2010, orig. proceeding) and *Sears, Roebuck & Co. v Ramirez*, 824 S.W.2d 558 (Tex. 1992).

WBRG 5-2: Admit or Deny. Double Diamond, or an affiliated entity, previously provided water utility service to the Oakwood Subdivision in Henderson County, Texas. If you deny, please explain why Double Diamond, Inc., included the utility serving Oakwood Subdivision in the rate case it filed on or about July 10, 1995 with the TNRCC.

OBJECTION: DDU objects to this request as irrelevant. The requested information is not relevant to the establishment of rates for the White Bluff utility systems.

WBRG 5-4: Admit or Deny. Double Diamond has the water CCN covering the Oakwood Subdivision.

OBJECTION: DDU objects to this request as irrelevant. The requested information is not relevant to the establishment of rates for the White Bluff utility systems.

WBRG 5-5: Admit or Deny. Double Diamond, or an affiliated entity, conveyed control of the water utility system serving the Oakwood Subdivision to another entity without obtaining approval from the Public Utility Commission or predecessor agency under Texas Water Code §13.301 or other applicable statutory provision. If you deny this request, but admitted WBRG 5-2, please describe how approval was obtained and provide copies of all documents related to the approval.

OBJECTION: DDU objects to this request as irrelevant. The requested information is not relevant to the establishment of rates for the White Bluff utility systems.

WBRG 5-6: Admit or Deny. Double Diamond, or an affiliated entity, previously provided water utility service to the Canyon Creek Subdivision in Hood County, Texas. If you deny, please explain why Double Diamond, Inc., included the utility serving Canyon Creek Subdivision in the rate case it filed on or about July 10, 1995 with the TNRCC.

OBJECTION: DDU objects to this request as irrelevant. The requested information is not relevant to the establishment of rates for the White Bluff utility systems.

WBRG 5-7: Admit or Deny. Double Diamond, or an affiliated entity, conveyed control of the water utility system serving the Canyon Creek Subdivision without obtaining approval from the Public Utility Commission or predecessor agency under Texas Water Code §13.301 or other applicable statutory provision. If you deny this request, but admitted WBRG 5-6, please describe how approval was obtained and provide copies of all documents related to the approval.

OBJECTION: DDU objects to this request as irrelevant. The requested information is not relevant to the establishment of rates for the White Bluff utility systems.

WBRG 5-8: Admit or Deny. Double Diamond, Inc., sold, transferred, or conveyed the sewer system providing service to the White Bluff subdivision to Double Diamond Utility Company, Inc., without obtaining approval from the Public Utility Commission or predecessor agency under Texas Water Code §13.301 or other applicable statutory provision. If your answer is anything other than an unqualified admit, please explain the basis of your response and provide all documentation supporting your position.

OBJECTION: DDU objects to this request as irrelevant. The requested information is not relevant to the establishment of rates for the White Bluff utility systems.

WBRG 5-9: Identify all costs making up the amount shown as “Development Costs” (\$21,071,705) on the Inventory Analysis, 12/27/2015, produced as DDU16- 016086, and provide all accounting records supporting your response.

OBJECTION: DDU objects to this request as irrelevant. The requested information is not relevant to the establishment of rates for the White Bluff utility systems.

WBRG 5-10: Who owns a controlling interest in Double Diamond Utilities Company, Inc.? When was this controlling interest acquired?

OBJECTION: DDU objects to this request as it is duplicative of other discovery already given in this case.

WBRG 5-11: Please provide copies of all written applications provided by Double Diamond, including any parent or other affiliated company, to the Public Utility Commission or predecessor agency under Texas Water Code §13.302 since 1995 seeking approval of the acquisition of a controlling interest in Double Diamond Utility Company, Inc.

OBJECTION: DDU objects to this request as irrelevant. The requested information is not relevant to the establishment of rates for the White Bluff utility systems.