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APPLICATION OF J&S WATER COMPANY, LLC FOR A RATE/TARIFF CHANGE 2017 JUN 29 AM 9: 10 BEFORE THE STATE OFFICE PUBLIC UTILIOF COMMISSION ADMINISTRATIVE HEARINGS

SOAH ORDER NO. 5 GRANTING IN PART JOINT MOTION TO ABATE

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On June 28, 2017, J&S Water Company, LLC (J&S) and the Public Utility Commission of Texas staff (Staff) filed a Joint Motion to Abate (Motion). The Motion states that J&S, Staff, and the intervenors have reached an agreement in principle and are working on finalizing a settlement. Staff and J&S asked that the Administrative Law Judge (ALJ) abate the case for 30 days to allow the parties to reach a final settlement.

The Motion is **GRANTED TO THE EXTENT STATED IN THIS ORDER** and subject to any future order by the ALJ. Except as stated otherwise in this order, deadlines that would otherwise apply from June 28, 2017, through July 28, 2017, are **ABATED**. At this time, the abatement does not apply to the August 4, 2017 prehearing conference date or the hearing dates of August 7, 9, and 10, 2017, because the Motion does not state that J&S agrees to extend the jurisdictional deadline in this case day-for-day during the period of abatement. That issue is moot if the parties timely reach a unanimous settlement of all issues; the ALJ's concern is what happens to the procedural schedule and jurisdictional deadline if they do not. The parties SHALL confer and no later than July 10, 2017, file an agreed document clarifying their intent on that point. The parties SHALL file a status report on or before July 28, 2017, describing the status of the settlement discussions and any procedural requests of the parties.

SIGNED June 28, 2017.

ELIZABETH DREWS ADMINISTRATIVE LAW JUDGE STATE OFFICE OF ADMINISTRATIVE HEARINGS

