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COMPLAINT OF WES ANDERSON, et al., sagainst QUADVEST LP, QUADVEST INC., RANCH UTILITIES CORP., and RANCH UTILITIES, L.P. \$

COMPLAINANTS' RESPONSE TO ORDER NO. 4 REQUIRING PROCEDURAL SCHEDULE

NOW COMES Complainants and files this Response to Order No. 4 Requiring a Scheduling Order and shows the Administrative Law Judge as follows:

COMPLAINANTS' REQUEST TO CONTINUE THIS PROCEEDING

On December 2, 2016, this Administrative Law Judge issued Order No. 3 dismissing all of Complainants' claims (except Stephen J. Jones) without prejudice to refiling. The basis for the dismissal was Complainants' failure to comply with the informal resolution requirements of 16 Texas Administrative Code § 22.242(c).

Since Order No. 3, most, if not all, of the Complainants in this case have filed their informal complaints. These informal complaints were filed in December of 2016 and should already be finalized or will be finalized in the very near future.

In the interest of judicial economy, Complainants request this Administrative Law Judge allow this proceeding to continue and allow them to file an amended formal complaint once the informal resolution requirements are met. Otherwise, Complainants will file the same complaint and the PUC will have to go through the process of opening a new file. The parties will have to refile all of the same documents and everything will have to start over.

If this Administrative Law Judge requires a procedural schedule for disposition of this case, Complainants request additional time to comply with this request.

<u>PRAYER</u>

For these reasons, Complainants request the PUC allow them to move forward with this action after the informal resolution requirements are met and to keep this case open until that time.

Respectfully Submitted,

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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I hereby certify that a true and correct copy of the foregoing was sent to all interested parties, by and through their counsel of record on this 28^{th} day of February, 2017.

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