

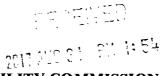
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COMPLAINT OF WES ANDERSON, ET.	8	PUBLIC UTILITY COMMISSION
AL. AGAINST QUADVEST L.P.,	8	
QUADVEST, INC., RANCH UTILITIES	8	OF TEXAS
CORP., AND RANCH UTILITIES, L.P.	§	

#### COMMISSION STAFF'S COMMENTS ON CONSOLIDATION

Comes now the Staff (Staff) of the Public Utility Commission of Texas (Commission), representing the public interest, and files these Comments on Consolidation. In support thereof, Staff would show the following:

## I. Background

On October 14, 2016, Wes Anderson, et.al. (collectively, the Complainants) filed a complaint against Quadvest, L.P., Quadvest, Inc., Ranch Utilities Corp., and Ranch Utilities, L.P. (collectively, Quadvest) alleging inaccurate increased water usage and related billing as a result of smart meter installation. All Complainants, except Stephen Jones, were dismissed without prejudice from this proceeding in Order No. 3, issued December 2, 2016. On August 24, 2017, a motion to consolidate this docket with SOAH Docket No. 473-17-5772.WS, Commission Docket No. 47279 was filed. State Office of Administrative Hearings Order No. 3 ordered the parties to file responses to the motion to consolidate by September 1, 2017. This pleading is therefore timely filed.

#### II. Comments on Consolidation

Staff is unopposed to the request to consolidate, but is prepared to move forward with the hearing on September 7, 2017 if the motion is denied.



Dated: August 31, 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 31, 2017, in accordance with 16 TAC § 22.74.

Alexander Petak