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against QUADVEST LP, QUADVEST INC., RANCH UTILITIES CORP., and RANCH UTILITIES, L.P.	§ § §	ADMINISTRATIVE HEARING

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COMPLAINT OF WES ANDERSON, et al.,	§	BEFORE THE STATE OFFICE OF
against QUADVEST LP, QUADVEST	§	
INC., RANCH UTILITIES CORP., and	§	ADMINISTRATIVE HEARINGS
RANCH UTILITIES, L.P.	§	

COMPLAINANTS' REQUEST TO ALLOW COMPLAINTANTS TO ATTEND HEARING ON THE MERITS BY TELEPHONE

NOW COME Complainants in the above consolidated actions file this file this Request to Allow Complainants to appear at the hearing by Telephone and show as follows:

Complainants' Having Difficulty Attending Hearing in Person

Many, if not all, of the Complainants in this matter are having difficulty travelling from Houston to Austin to attend the hearing on February 1, 2017. Some cannot miss work and others already missed days of work due to the recent ice storm. Complainants respectfully request they be allowed to testify via the telephone.

Complainants' counsel will be at the hearing and Complainants already filed their testimony in this action. Complainants know very little other than what is in their submitted testimony. Since most of the documents in this case were produced by Quadvest, Complainants testimony should not be necessitated on showing Complainants documents during their testimony.

Commission Staff is unopposed to this request.



Quadvest is Not Prejudiced

Quadvest will still have the opportunity to cross-examine Complainants and Quadvest

already received Complainants' testimony in this case.

Complainants have no objection to Quadvest calling witnesses via telephone.

If there is some prejudice to Quadvest, Complainants are willing to extend any courtesies

to Quadvest to accommodate Quadvest and alleviate and alleged prejudice.

In the Alternative - Request for Continuance

If the administrative law Judge is not inclined to grant this request to allow Complainants

to attend the hearing on the merits by telephone, Complainants respectfully request a continuance

of the hearing on the merits until early March to allow Complainants' counsel time to find a way

to get Complainants to the hearing or have the hearing moved to Houston, if possible.

CONCLUSION

For these reasons, Complainants respectfully request they be allowed to testify during the

February 1, 2017 hearing by telephone.

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 23rd day of January, 2018.

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