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**APPLICATION OF RIVERSIDE WASTE
WATER TREATMENT PLANT OFR
AUTHORITY TO CHANGE RATES**

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**PUBLIC UTILITY COMMISSION
OF TEXAS**

COMMISSION STAFF'S REQUEST FOR A HEARING

COMES NOW the Staff ("Staff") of the Public Utility Commission of Texas ("Commission"), representing the public interest, and files this Request for a Hearing.

I. BACKGROUND

On November 9, 2016, River Side Waste Water Treatment Plant ("Riverside") filed an application to change rates pursuant to Tex. Water Code § 13.1871 (West 2008 & Supp. 2016) ("TWC").¹ On February 1, 2017, March 31, 2017 and May 1, 2017 Riverside filed supplements to its application. On May 22, 2017, Riverside filed a revised application.²

On July 27, 2017, Riverside filed its proof of notice, indicating that notice was provided on July 21, 2017.

On August 2, 2017, Order No. 8 was entered, requiring Staff to file a recommendation or request a hearing by December 1, 2017. This pleading is timely filed.

II. REQUEST FOR A HEARING

Pursuant to 16 Tex. Admin. Code § 24.28(c)(2) (TAC), the Commission shall set an application to change rates for a hearing if it receives protests from the lesser of 1,000 or 10 percent of the affected ratepayers of the utility over whose rates the Commission has original jurisdiction.

¹ Application (Nov. 9, 2016).

² Revised Application (May 22, 2017).

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According to its application, Riverside has 126 unmetered connections and zero metered connections as of the end of the test year³. The Commission received 16 protests from affected ratepayers, which number is greater than 10 percent of the 126 total connections. Therefore, Staff hereby requests that this matter be referred to the State Office of Administrative Hearings (SOAH) for an evidentiary hearing.

³ *Id.* at 7–9.

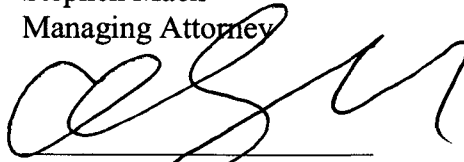
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Respectfully Submitted,

**PUBLIC UTILITY COMMISSION OF TEXAS
LEGAL DIVISION**

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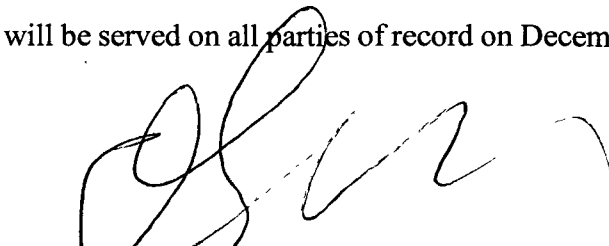
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I certify that a copy of this document will be served on all parties of record on December 1, 2017 in accordance with 16 TAC § 22.74.



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