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RATEPAYERS' APPEAL OF THE DECISION BY THE SAN PATRICIO COUNTY MUNICIPAL UTILITY DISTRICT NO. 1 TO CHANGE RATES	§ § § § § §	BEFORE THE STATE OFFICE OF ADMINISTRATIVE HEARINGS
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COMMISSION STAFF'S STATEMENT OF POSITION

Commission Staff (Staff) of the Public Utility Commission of Texas (Commission) files this response to State Office of Administrative Hearings (SOAH) Order No. 11 and would show:

I. Background

On April 12, 2017, Ratepayers of the San Patricio Municipal Utility District No. 1 (San Patricio MUD) appealed the decision of San Patricio MUD to change the water and sewer rates of a recreational vehicle (RV) park that they own. On March 21, 2018, the Parties filed an executed settlement agreement resolving the issues in this case. On May 9, 2018, the SOAH Administrative Law Judge (ALJ) filed Order No. 11 requiring a statement of position from Staff on how to finish processing this case.

II. Recommendation

Staff has spoken to the Ratepayers' representative, and he has agreed to withdraw this case within a weeks' time. As Ratepayers have not presented their Direct case, they can still withdraw without prejudice as a matter of right under 16 Tex. Admin. Code § 22.181(g)(1) (TAC). Staff recommends that the SOAH ALJ wait for Ratepayers request to withdraw and then dismiss this docket without prejudice. This course of action will prevent the SOAH ALJ from having to submit a Proposal for Decision.¹

¹ 16 Tex. Admin. Code § 22.181(f)(2)

Dated: May 18, 2018

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 May 18, 2018, in accordance with 16 TAC § 22.74.



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