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APPLICATION OF TEXAS WATER
SYSTEMS, INC. FOR AUTHORITY TO
CHANGE RATES

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**COMMISSION STAFF'S SUPPLEMENTAL RECOMMENDATION ON
ADMINISTRATIVE COMPLETENESS**

Comes now the Staff ("Staff") of the Public Utility Commission of Texas ("Commission"), representing the public interest, and files its Recommendation on Administrative Completeness in response to Order No. 2. In support thereof, Staff would show the following:

I. Background

On April 21, 2017, Texas Water Systems, Inc. ("TWS" or "Applicant") filed an application for a rate/tariff change under Certificate of Convenience and Necessity No. 12473 in Upshur County. On May 24, 2017, the Administrative Law Judge (the "ALJ") issued Order No. 2, requiring TWS to file additional curative information by June 22, 2017, and Staff to file a recommendation on sufficiency of the application and notice by July 7, 2017. This pleading is therefore timely filed.

II. Staff's Recommendation

Staff has reviewed TWS's supplemented application and, and as detailed by the attached memorandum from Sean Scaff, Janie Kohl, and Jonathon Ramirez of the Water Utilities Division, Staff recommends that the application be deemed insufficient for filing and, therefore, administratively incomplete. Staff identified that TWS needs to file a complete notice of the proposed rate change to be provided to customers, including billing comparisons, information on how to protest the rate increase, and a calculation sheet for the notice of proposed rate change.

III. Proposed Procedural Schedule

Because the application is insufficient for filing, Staff does not recommend a procedural schedule for the evaluation of the merits of the application at this time. Staff recommends that TWS be given a deadline of July 28, 2017, by which to submit the curative information, and that

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Staff be given until August 4, 2017, to review the amended application and file another recommendation on administrative completeness.

IV. Conclusion

Staff respectfully requests issuance of an order consistent with the above recommendation.

Dated: July 7, 2017

Respectfully Submitted,

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I certify that a copy of this document will be served on all parties of record on July 7, 2017,
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PUC Interoffice Memorandum

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Date: July 5, 2017

Subject: **Docket No. 47091;** *Application of Texas Water Systems, Inc. for Authority to Change Rates*

On April 25, 2017, Texas Water Systems, Inc. (applicant) filed an application with the Public Utility Commission (PUC) for a rate/tariff change under Certificate of Convenience and Necessity (CCN) No. 12473 in Upshur County. An administrative review of the application and notice has been made pursuant to Texas Water Code §§13.1387 (TWC) and 16 Tex. Admin. Code §§24.21 through 24.26(TAC).

Based on the supplemental information provided, Staff recommends that the application be deemed insufficient for filing and found administratively incomplete due to the notice deficiencies detailed below.

The applicant needs to file a complete notice of proposed rate change to be provided to customers including:

- Billing comparisons
- Information on how to protest the rate increase, and
- The notice of proposed rate change calculation sheet.