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APPLICATION OF PETRA FIRMA DEVELOPMENT GROUP, INC. A WATER CERTIFICATE OF CONVENIENCE AND NECESSITY IN TOM GREEN COUNTY PUBLIC UTILITY COMMISSION 5

COMMISSION STAFF'S RESPONSE TO PETRA FIRMA'S REQUEST FOR EXTENSION

COMES NOW the Staff of the Public Utility Commission of Texas (Staff), representing the public interest, and files this Commission Staff's Response to Petra Firma's Request for Extension. In support thereof, Staff shows the following:

I. BACKGROUND

On April 24, 2017, Petra Firma Development Group, Inc. (Petra Firma) filed an application for a new water certificate of convenience and necessity (CCN) in Tom Green County, Texas. The total new service area being requested includes approximately 1,145 acres and zero current customers.

Order No. 4, issued August 17, 2017, directed Petra Firma to file signed affidavits of notice and copies of the notice given by September 28, 2017. On September 28, 2017, Petra Firma filed an affidavit attesting to mailed notice, and requested an extension to provide the affidavit regarding published notice. Order No. 4 also directed Staff to file a recommendation on notice by October 10, 2017. Therefore, this pleading is timely filed.

II. STAFF'S RESPONSE TO PETRA FIRMA'S REQUEST FOR EXTENSION

Petra Firma indicated that it has not yet received the required publisher's affidavit from the local newspaper, and requested an extension until October 16, 2017 to provide the affidavit. Staff has no objection to Petra Firma's request. Staff respectfully requests that if the Administrative Law Judge (ALJ) grants Petra Firma's extension until October 16, 2017, that the ALJ also grant Staff until October 30, 2017 to provide a recommendation on notice.

III. CONCLUSION

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

Respectfully Submitted,

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DOCKET NO. 47093 CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I certify that a copy of this document will be served on all parties of record October 2,

2017, in accordance with 16 TAC § 22.74.

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