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 PETITION OF 5732 WOODARD
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 PARTNERS, LTD. TO AMEND G&W
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 WATER SUPPLY CORPORATION'S
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 CERTIFICATE OF CONVENIENCE
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 OF TEXAS

PETITIONER'S RESPONSE TO COMMISSION STAFF'S FIRST ADMINISTRATIVE COMPLETENESS RECOMMENDATION

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AND NECESSITY IN WALLER

COUNTY BY EXPEDITED RELEASE

COMES NOW 5732 Woodard Partners, Ltd. (the "Petitioner"), by and through its counsel of record, Allen Boone Humphries Robinson LLP, and files this response to the Commission Staff's First Administrative Completeness Recommendation.

On June 6, 2017, Petitioner filed an application for streamlined expedited release of approximately 130 acres from G&W Water Supply Corporation's water certificate of convenience and necessity No. 12391 in Waller County, Texas. This petition is governed by Texas Water Code § 13.254(a-5) and 16 Texas Administrative Code § 24.113(l).

On June 7, 2017, the Commission administrative law judge issue Order No. 1, which established July 7, 2017 as Staff's deadline to file a recommendation regarding the administrative completeness of Petitioner's petition and notice.

On July 7, 2017, Commission Staff filed its First Administrative Completeness Recommendation, wherein Commission Staff recommended that Petitioner's petition be found deficient for failure to include a notarized affidavit in support of the required information to be included in the petition pursuant to 16 Texas Administrative Code § 24.113(l)(3)(A), and further recommending that Petitioner be given a deadline of July 21, 2017 by which to supplement its petition with the required affidavit. Therefore, this pleading is timely filed.

Attached hereto as **Exhibit A** is Petitioner's notarized affidavit in support of the required information included in the petition pursuant to 16 Texas Administrative Code § 24.113(l)(3)(A).

Dated: July 10, 2017

Respectfully submitted,

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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I certify that a copy of this document was served on all parties of record on July 10, 2017, in accordance with the requirements of 16 Texas Administrative Code § 22.74.

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Robert A. Seale

EXHIBIT A

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THE STATE OF TEXAS § S COUNTY OF WALLER §

BEFORE ME, the undersigned authority, on this day personally appeared Brendan N. Bosman, whom, being first duly sworn by me, upon his oath stated:

- 1. My name is <u>Brendan N. Bosman</u>, acting in my capacity as <u>Managing Director</u> of Värde Partners, Inc. I am of sound mind, more than eighteen (18) years of age, and am capable of making this affidavit.
- 2. 5732 Woodard Partners, Ltd., a Texas limited partnership (the "Petitioner") has submitted a Petition for Release from Certificate of Convenience and Necessity for Water Service (the "Petition") with the Public Utility Commission of Texas (the "Commission").
- 3. The Petition was submitted pursuant to Texas Water Code § 13.254(a-5) and 16 Texas Administrative Code § 24.113(r).
- 4. The Property (as defined in the Petition) is at least 25 contiguous acres in size.
- 5. The Property is subject to certificate of convenience and necessity no. 12391 for water service (the "CCN") held by G&W Water Supply Corporation, and is located in Waller County, Texas.
- 6. The Property is not receiving water service from the CCN holder.
- 7. The Petitioner owns the Property, as evidenced by the deed submitted with the Petition.
- 8. A copy of the Petition was mailed to the CCN holder via certified mail on the day the Petition was filed with the Commission.
- 9. The required mapping documents were submitted with the Petition.

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WITNESS MY HAND this 6th day of July, 2017.

5732 Woodard Partners, Ltd., a Texas limited partnership

- By: 5732 Woodard GP, LLC, a Texas limited liability company, its general partner
- By: AV RE 2, LLC, a Delaware limited liability company, its sole member
- By: Värde Partners, Inc., its manager

By Brendan Bosman Name: Managing Director Title:

THE STATE OF MINNESOTA § S COUNTY OF HENNEPIN §

This instrument was acknowledged before me on the <u>b</u> day of <u>July</u>, 2017, by <u>Brendan N. Bosman</u> of Värde Partners, Inc., on behalf of 5732 Woodard Partners, Ltd.

(NOTARY SEAL)



Notary Public