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**APPLICATION OF THE COMMONS §  
WATER SUPPLY, INC. FOR §  
AUTHORITY TO CHANGE RATES §**

**PUBLIC UTILITY COMMISSION  
OF TEXAS**

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**COMMISSION STAFF'S RECOMMENDATION ON SUFFICIENCY OF  
APPLICATION AND NOTICE**

**COMES NOW** the Staff of the Public Utility Commission of Texas (Staff), representing the public interest and files this Recommendation on Sufficiency of Application and Notice. In support thereof, Staff shows the following:

**I. BACKGROUND**

On June 30, 2017, The Commons Water Supply, Inc. (The Commons), holder of Certificate of Convenience and Necessity No. 12781, filed an application for a rate/tariff change.

On July 12, 2017, Order No. 1 was issued requiring Staff to file comments on the administrative completeness of the application and notice and to propose a procedural schedule by July 31, 2017. Therefore, this pleading is timely filed.

**II. RECOMMENDATION ON SUFFICIENCY**

Staff has reviewed the application, and as detailed in the attached memorandum of Gregory Charles and Andrew Novak of the Commission's Water Utility Regulation Division, Staff recommends that the application and notice be found deficient.

**III. PROPOSED PROCEDURAL SCHEDULE**

Staff proposes the following procedural schedule:

<b>Event</b>	<b>Date</b>
Deadlines for the Commons to amend its application and cure deficiencies	August 21, 2017
Deadline for Staff's supplemental recommendation on administrative completeness	September 11, 2017

#### **IV. CONCLUSION**

Staff respectfully requests that an order consistent with this Recommendation be issued.

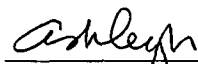
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Respectfully Submitted,

**PUBLIC UTILITY COMMISSION OF  
TEXAS LEGAL DIVISION**

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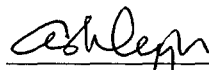


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**CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE**

I certify that a copy of this document will be served on all parties of record on this the 31<sup>st</sup> of July, 2017, in accordance with. 16 TAC § 22.74.



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## PUC Interoffice Memorandum

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**To:** Ashley Nwonuma  
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**Thru:** Tammy Benter, Division Director  
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**From:** Gregory Charles, Engineering Specialist  
Andrew Novak, Financial Analyst  
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**Date:** July 31, 2017

**Subject:** **Docket No 47275**, *Application of The Commons Water Supply, Inc. for a Rate/Tariff Change*

On June 30, 2017, The Commons Water Supply, Inc. (Commons, or Applicant), Certificate of Convenience and Necessity No. 12781, filed with the Public Utility Commission of Texas (Commission) an application to change its tariff and increase its water service rates pursuant to Texas Water Code (TWC) §13.1871 and 16 Tex. Admin. Code (TAC) §§24.21-24.26 (TAC).

During Staff's review of the above referenced application, Staff discovered key deficiencies in the application and therefore recommends that the application and notice be deemed insufficient for filing. Furthermore, in order to correct the deficiencies, Staff recommends the Applicant do the following:

- Recalculate the billing comparison and resend the notice to the ratepayers, to more accurately reflect the cost for usage of 30,000 gallons.
- Reference Schedule II-16 of the application. Please clarify if the expense for insurance was incurred by Commons, or Dogwood Estates Water Company. If the expense was incurred by Dogwood Estates Water Company, please provide amendments to the schedule to accurately reflect the expense for insurance.
- Reference Schedule II-5 of the application. In this schedule the known and measurable change for other volume related expense is (\$120,880). However, the change is not

reflected in Schedule I-1. Please clarify if there is a known and measurable change or not.