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The Honorable Fernando Rodriguez State Office of Administrative Hearings 300 West 15th St., 4th Floor Austin, Texas 78701

RE: SOAH Docket No. 473-18-0193.WS; PUC Docket No. 47275—Application of The Commons Water Supply, Inc. for Authority to Change Rates

Dear Judge Rodriguez:

This letter is to inform you that the Staff of the Public Utility Commission (Staff) has found it necessary to file supplemental direct testimony in the above numbered and styled proceeding. SOAH Order No. 5, issued on February 1, 2018, granted Staff's Motion to Compel The Commons' response to Staff Request for Information (RFI) No. 5-8 and directed Staff to notify the Administrative Law Judge and The Commons in writing as soon as possible should it become necessary for Staff to file supplemental testimony to address the new information.

The Commons filed its response to Staff RFI No. 5-8 on February 14, 2018. After reviewing the documents produced, Staff has determined that supplemental testimony is needed to explain how this new information informs Staff's answer to Issue No. 25 from the Commission's Preliminary Order for this proceeding related to payments to affiliates.

Pursuant to the procedural schedule approved in SOAH Order No. 5, the deadline for discovery on Staff's direct testimony is March 2, 2018, and The Commons' rebuttal to Staff's direct testimony is due on March 7, 2018. In order to accommodate these dates, Staff proposes Monday, February 26, 2018, as the filing deadline for its supplemental direct testimony.

Sincerely,

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