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**PETITION OF TEXAS  
PARKS & WILDLIFE  
DEPARTMENT TO  
APPEAL A DECISION  
BY THE CITY OF  
GOLIAD TO CHANGE  
WATER AND SEWER  
RATES**

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**STATE OFFICE OF  
ADMINISTRATIVE  
HEARINGS**

**PUBLIC UTILITY  
COMMISSION OF  
TEXAS**

**TEXAS PARKS AND WILDLIFE DEPARTMENT'S MOTION TO DISMISS**

COMES NOW, the Texas Parks and Wildlife Department (TPWD), and files this Motion to Dismiss the Texas Parks and Wildlife Department's Petition for Review of Water and Wastewater Utility Rate Increases by the City of Goliad, and in support thereof respectfully would show as follows:

**I. INTRODUCTION**

On September 29, 2017, TPWD filed a petition for review pursuant to Texas Water Code section 13.043(b)(3) appealing proposed increases to the rates for water and wastewater utility services provided by the City of Goliad (City). The City announced the rate increases in a letter dated June 29, 2017, with an effective date in August 2017.

TPWD owns and manages Goliad State Park and Historic Site (Park), which is primarily located outside the corporate limits of the City. The Park uses three meters for service from the City. Two of these meters, one of which is the main Park water source, are outside the City limits. One of the meters is for a custodian residence and is located inside the City limits; by filing its petition, TPWD did not appeal the rate increases for the meter inside the City limits.

The Public Utility Commission issued an Order of Referral on November 6, 2017, referring the case to the State Office of Administrative Hearings (SOAH) for assignment of an



Administrative Law Judge (ALJ) to conduct a hearing. The Commission adopted a preliminary order in open meeting on December 14, 2017, setting out the issues to be addressed in the SOAH proceeding. On December 19, 2017, the ALJ issued a scheduling order. Upon joint motion by the parties, the ALJ stayed the proceedings to allow TPWD and the City to negotiate a settlement.

## II. ARGUMENT

Throughout the appeal proceedings, TPWD and the City have engaged in settlement negotiations to resolve the dispute. TPWD has reached a settlement with the City of Goliad in this matter, and respectfully moves to withdraw and dismiss its rate appeal. The settlement fully resolves the issues of dispute between TPWD and the City. This settlement is just, reasonable, and in the public interest.

## III. CONCLUSION

Pursuant to SOAH rule 1 TAC 155.503(b)(1)(G) and Commission rule 16 TAC 22.181(d)(10) and (g)(1), TPWD moves to dismiss its rate appeal without prejudice.

Respectfully submitted,

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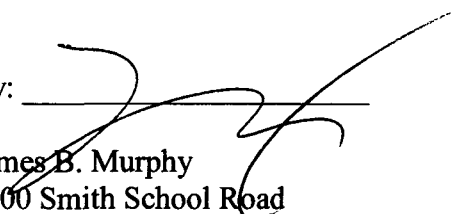
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### **CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE**

I, James B. Murphy, Attorney for the Texas Parks and Wildlife Department, certify that a copy of this document was served on all parties of record in this proceeding on May 7, 2018 in the following manner: first class mail.

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