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RATEPAYERS' APPEAL OF THE DECISION BY RAYWOOD WATER SUPPLY CORPORATION TO CHANGE RATES

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ORDER NO. 5 ADDRESSING STATUS OF THE CASE

This Order addresses Commission Staff's June 11, 2018 recommendation on the petition by ratepayers appealing the decision of the Raywood Water Supply Corporation to change retail water rates. Commission Staff recommends the petition be dismissed because the Commission lacks jurisdiction over the appeal under 16 Texas Administrative Code (TAC) § 22.181(d)(1).

Commission Staff indicated that to appeal the rate increase of a water supply corporation such as Raywood, one must present a petition signed by 10 percent of the rate payers affected by the increase.¹ Raywood has 519 customers; therefore, the petitioner's needed 52 individual customers to sign their petition. The petitioners have only 50 signatures. Consequently, Commission Staff has concluded that the petitioner's appeal is incurably incomplete and the Commission does not have jurisdiction to hear the appeal.

On February 12, 2018, Herman Simien indicated in an e-mail to Commission Staff that the ratepayer's appeal is suspended. The administrative law judge (ALJ) will consider the reference to suspension in the e-mail as a notice to withdraw the appeal and dismiss the case, unless the ratepayers notify the ALJ otherwise by July 1, 2018.

Signed at Austin, Texas the Trans day of June 2018.

PUBLIC UTILITY COMMISSION OF TEXAS

ADMINISTŘATIVE LAW JUDGE

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¹ Texas Water Code Ann. § 13.043(c) (West 2008 & Supp. 2017).