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**PETITION OF THE CITIES OF §
GARLAND, MESQUITE, PLANO AND §
RICHARDSON APPEALING THE §
DECISION BY NORTH TEXAS §
MUNICIPAL WATER DISTRICT §
AFFECTING 2018 WHOLESALE §
WATER RATES §**

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PUBLIC UTILITY COMMISSION
OF TEXAS

**NORTH TEXAS MUNICIPAL WATER DISTRICT'S
GENERAL DENIAL AND RESPONSE TO PETITION**

The North Texas Municipal Water District (the "District") files this Response to the Petition of the Cities of Garland, Mesquite, Plano, and Richardson (collectively, "Petitioners") filed December 15, 2017, and respectfully shows the following.

I. GENERAL DENIAL AND RESPONSE TO THE PETITION

The District denies each and every, all and singular, allegations contained in the Petition and demands strict proof thereof. The District also specifically denies that Petitioners are entitled to have the Commission fix a wholesale water rate, as Petitioners are not challenging the rate and, in any event, are unable to demonstrate that the protested rate is adverse to the public interest or that Petitioners or their customers will suffer an unreasonable economic hardship by reason of the allegedly protested rate. The District also denies that Petitioners are entitled to a refund of the difference between the rate charged and any such rate as may be fixed by the Commission.

II. PRAYER

For these reasons, the District respectfully requests that the Commission issue an order:

1. Denying the Petitioners' appeal on all grounds,
2. In the alternative, setting a procedural schedule for briefing on whether this matter should be referred to the State Office of Administrative Hearings and for an evidentiary hearing

on any issues raised in the Petition and, if so, briefing on which issues should be referred under the Commission's rules, and

3. Granting the District any and all other relief to which it is justly entitled.

Respectfully submitted,

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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I hereby certify that true and correct copy of the foregoing document has been served on all parties of record on December 22, 2017 in accordance with 16 Tex. Admin. Code § 22.74.



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