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**RATEPAYERS' APPEAL OF THE  
DECISION BY GALVESTON COUNTY  
MUNICIPAL DISTRICT NO. 12 TO  
CHANGE RATES**

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**PUBLIC UTILITY COMMISSION  
OF TEXAS**

**COMMISSION STAFF'S REQUEST FOR EXTENSION**

**COMES NOW** the Staff of the Public Utility Commission of Texas (Staff), representing the public interest, and files Staff's Request for Extension. In support thereof, Staff shows the following:

**I. BACKGROUND**

On January 30, 2018, the ratepayers (Ratepayers) of the Galveston County Municipal Utility District No. 12 (Galveston County MUD) filed a petition with the Commission appealing a change in water rates by Galveston County MUD, effective December 2017.

On April 3, 2019, Commission Chairman DeAnn T. Walker issued a memorandum in the present docket proposing that the parties be required to supplement the evidentiary record. On April 4, 2019, the present docket was returned to the Office of Policy and Docket Management for further processing. On August 28, 2019, the Commission administrative law judge (ALJ) issued Order No. 3, directing the parties to supplement the evidentiary record by August 30, 2019.

The parties have previously requested extensions of time to file the required information. Most recently, on September 27, 2019, Galveston County MUD requested an additional three-week extension to prepare a response to Order No. 3. On September 30, 2019, the Commission ALJ issued Order No. 5, granting Galveston County MUD's extension request and requiring the parties to submit the information requested in Order No. 3 by October 21, 2019. Therefore, this pleading is timely filed.

**II. REQUEST FOR EXTENSION**

Pursuant to 16 TAC § 22.4(b), Staff may request that the time allowed for filing any documents be extended for good cause. Due to a change of counsel, Staff requires additional time to further communicate with the parties and prepare a response to Order No. 3. Staff requests that the date for the parties' response to Order No. 3 be extended to November 20, 2019. Staff has

communicated with Galveston County MUD and the Ratepayers' representative and each has agreed to the proposed extension.

### **III. CONCLUSION**

For the reasons discussed above, Staff respectfully requests that the parties be granted an extension to file their response to Order No. 3.

Dated: October 21, 2019

Respectfully Submitted,

**PUBLIC UTILITY COMMISSION OF TEXAS  
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**CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE**

I certify that a copy of this document will be served on all parties of record on October 21, 2019, in accordance with 16 TAC § 22.74.



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Richard Nemer