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RATEPAYERS' APPEAL OF THE DECISION BY GALVESTON COUNTY MUNICIPAL UTILITY DISTRICT NO. 12 TO CHANGE RATES	99999	PUBLIC UTILITY COMMISSION 1: 1: 1: 1: 1: 1: 1: 1: 1: 1: 1: 1: 1:

COMMISSION STAFF'S REQUEST FOR EXTENSION

COMES NOW the Staff (Staff) of the Public Utility Commission of Texas (Commission). representing the public interest, and files this Request for Extension. In support, 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 December 20, 2019, Galveston County MUD requested an additional four-week extension to prepare a response to Order No. 3. On February 14, 2020, the Commission ALJ issued Order No. 9, granting Galveston County MUD's extension request and requiring the parties to submit the information requested in Order No. 3 by March 13, 2020.

II. REQUEST FOR EXTENSION

Pursuant to 16 Texas Administrative Code (TAC) § 22.4(b), Staff may request that the time allowed for filing any documents be extended for good cause. Staff and Galveston County MUD are in the process of finalizing a joint proposed order that includes the information requested in Order No. 3.



As such, Staff requests that the deadline for the parties to file a response to Order No. 9 to April 3, 2020.

III. CONCLUSION

For the reasons discussed above, Staff respectfully requests that the ALJ grant an extension of time to file a response to Order No. 9.

Dated: March 13, 2020

Respectfully submitted,

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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I certify that a copy of this document will be served on all parties of record on March 13, 2020 in accordance with 16 TAC § 22.74.

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