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CHANGE TO IMPLEMENT FEDERAL
TAX CHANGE CREDIT RIDER

PUBLIC UTILITY COMMISSION 5

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COMMISSION STAFF AFFIDAVIT IN SUPPORT OF SETTLEMENT

COMES NOW the Staff (Staff) of the Public Utility Commission of Texas (Commission), representing the public interest, and files the attached affidavit of Emily Sears of the Commission's Water Utility Regulation Division in support of the Stipulation and Settlement agreement attached to the Agreed Motion to Implement Interim Rates and Admit Evidence filed on August 24, 2018.

Dated: August 29, 2018

Respectfully Submitted,

PUBLIC UTILITY COMMISSION OF TEXAS LEGAL DIVISION

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DOCKET NO. 48329 CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I certify that a copy of this document will be served on all parties of record on August 29, 2018, in accordance with 16 Texas Administrative Code § 22.74.

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PUC TARIFF CONTROL NO. 48329

Application of Monarch Utilities I, L.P. for a Minor Tariff Change to Implement Federal Tax Change Credit Rider

AFFIDAVIT OF EMILY SEARS

ON THIS DAY, before me, the undersigned authority, personally appeared Emily Sears who on her oath stated as follows:

- 1. My name is Emily Sears. I am employed by the Public Utility Commission (PUC) in the Water Utility Regulation Division as a Financial Analyst/Financial Examiner.
- 2. I am at least 21 years of age, fully competent and authorized to make the statements herein. Additionally, I have personal knowledge of the facts stated herein, and they are true and correct to the best of my knowledge.
- 3. On May 25, 2018 Monarch Utilities I, L.P. (Monarch) filed an application for a minor tariff change to implement a new Federal Tax Change Credit Rider.
- 4. In its initial application, Monarch proposed a credit to customers of approx. \$586,351 for all water and sewer utility divisions in Texas.
- 5. Staff calculated a credit, using Monarch's rate case filed February 29, 2016, of \$980,051 for all water and sewer utility divisions in Texas.
- 6. By stipulation, Monarch and Commission Staff (Staff) have resolved and settled on a credit of \$900,000 for all water and sewer utility divisions in Texas, and have entered into agreement regarding such credit as detailed below.
- 7. By stipulation, Monarch and Staff have also settled on a credit of \$227,233.38 for the time from January 25, 2018 when the Commission order was adopted, through September 1, 2018, when the credits will go into effect. This amount will be credited back to customers over 6 months.

8. Beginning on the first day of the month following the Commission's final order approving the credits contained in the revised tariff, Monarch and Staff agree that the monthly credit for all water and sewer service shall be set per the revised tariff.

Emily Sears
Financial Analyst

Water Utility Regulation Division Public Utility Commission of Texas

SUBSCRIBED AND SWORN TO before me, on this the day of August 2018.

NOTARY PUBLIC in and for the State of Texas.