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#### **DOCKET NO. 48493**

APPLICATION OF THE COMMONS WATER SUPPLY, INC., TO CHANGE	§ 8	PUBLIC UTILITY COMMISSION
WATER RATES FOR SERVICE IN	§	OF TEXAS
HARRIS COUNTY, TEXAS	§	<b>₩</b>

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## COMMISSION STAFF'S REQUEST TO CLOSE UNUSED CONTROL NUMBER

COMES NOW the Staff of the Public Utility Commission of Texas (Staff), representing the public interest and files this Request to Close Unused Control Number, and would show the following:

### I. BACKGROUND

On June 28, 2018, The Commons Water Supply, Inc. (The Commons) filed a request with the Public Utility Commission (Commission) for assignment of a docket number (also termed a "control number"<sup>1</sup>) with regard to an application to change water rates for service in Harris County, Texas. An order has yet to be issued by the Administrative Law Judge (ALJ) in this matter.

## II. STAFF'S REQUEST TO CLOSE THE UNUSED CONTROL NUMBER

Pursuant to Commission rule, specifically 16 TAC § 24.22(d)(1)(C), "[p]rior to providing notice, Class B utilities shall file a request for the assignment of a docket number for the rate application." In addition, under 16 TAC § 22.31(e), the Commission's procedural rule states that "any control number assigned to a docket before the filing of an application will be closed if the application is not filed within 25 days of assignment of the control number unless otherwise directed by the director of the Commission Advising and Docket Management Division or the director's designee."

On June 28, 2018, in accordance with 16 TAC § 24.22(d)(1)(C), The Commons filed a letter with the Commission requesting the assignment of a docket number in anticipation of filing a rate application. On that same day, the prospective rate application was assigned a control number, No. 48493. Therefore, The Commons had 25 days after assignment of the control

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<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> See 16 Tex. Admin. Code § 22.2(17) (TAC).

number, or until July 23, 2018, to file its application with the Commission. The Commons failed to file an application by the deadline established under 16 TAC § 22.31(e), and has yet to file an application as of the date of this filing. As a result, Staff recommends the control number assigned in this matter be closed.

## III. CONCLUSION

Staff respectfully requests that the ALJ issue an order closing the control number assigned in this docket.

**Dated:** August 16, 2018

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 August 16, 2018, in accordance with 16 TAC § 22.74.

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