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**APPLICATION OF AQUA TEXAS,
INC. AND TOWN OF BUFFALO GAP
FOR SALE, TRANSFER, OR
MERGER OF FACILITIES AND
CERTIFICATE RIGHTS IN TAYLOR
COUNTY (GAP WATER SYSTEM)**

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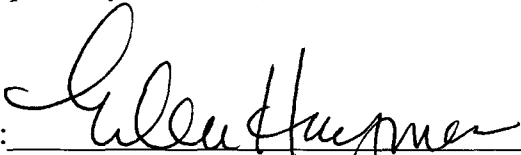
COME NOW, Aqua Texas, Inc. (“Aqua”) and the Town of Buffalo Gap (“Town”) (collectively, the “Applicants”) and file this Status Update No. 8 regarding the status of the Applicants’ efforts to conclude the transaction, address customer deposits, and submit evidence of same.

On August 2, 2018, the Applicants filed an application for Sale, Transfer or Merger of Facilities and Certificate Rights in Taylor County related to the Gap Water System. On November 28, 2018, the Commission issued Order No. 4 Approving Transaction to Proceed, to be concluded by May 28, 2019. Order No. 4 required the Applicants to submit monthly updates regarding the status of efforts to conclude the transaction, address customer deposits, and submit documents evidencing same beginning on December 20, 2018, and each month thereafter. On May 23, 2019, the Commission entered Order No. 5 Granting Request for Extension allowing the Applicants until November 25, 2019 to conclude the transaction. On July 17, 2019, the Commission entered Order No. 6 Status Update Required directing the Applicants to continue to file monthly updates regarding the status of efforts to conclude the transaction, address customer deposits, and submit documents evidencing same beginning on July 25, 2019, and each month thereafter.

Applicants filed Status Update No. 7 on June 17, 2019 in which the Town reported that it was waiting on final approval of all easements. As of the date of this Status Update No. 7, the Town has obtained additional easements but is waiting on the final four (4) easements with private

property owners and for the City Council of the City of Abilene to authorize execution of the easement from Abilene, which approval is scheduled for August 2019. The Town is still working towards trying to close the loan with USDA by the end of September and hopes to give a more definitive project completion date with August's status update. Aqua is waiting on the Town's process with USDA to conclude before proceeding with action to close the approved transaction with the Town and address customer deposits.

Respectfully submitted,

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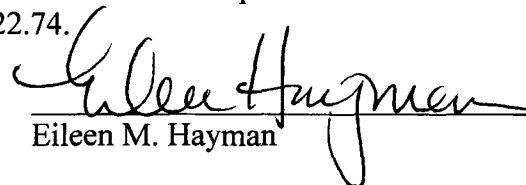
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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

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