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## **PUC DOCKET NO. 48565**

APPLICATION OF AQUA TEXAS,	8	PUBLIC UTILITY COMMISSION
INC. AND TOWN OF BUFFALO GAP	§ §	
FOR SALE, TRANSFER, OR	§	OF TEXAS VIII Y
MERGER OF FACILITIES AND	§	FILING OLERK
CERTIFICATE RIGHTS IN TAYLOR	§	- LAN
COUNTY (GAP WATER SYSTEM)	§	

## STATUS UPDATE NO. 14

COME NOW, Aqua Texas, Inc. ("Aqua") and the Town of Buffalo Gap ("Town") (collectively, the "Applicants") and file this Status Update No. 14 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 November 25, 2019, the Commission entered Order No. 7 Granting Request for Extension allowing the Applicants until May 25, 2020 to conclude the transaction.

Applicants filed Status Update No. 13 on December 18, 2019 in which the Town reported that it had obtained all necessary easements and was in the process of submitting required documentation to the United States Department of Agriculture ("USDA") for USDA to issue closing instructions. As of the date of this Status Update No. 14, the Town's paperwork is

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complete, but the Town is waiting for one other entity involved in this USDA project to finalize its paperwork. The Town must wait for this paperwork to be completed before submitting its documentation to USDA because, as the Town has previously reported, this is a joint project. The Town's engineers anticipate that all required documentation will be completed and delivered to USDA within the next two (2) weeks. Once submitted, the Town's engineers estimate that it will take USDA 30-45 days to provide the Town with closing instructions. 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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## CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I certify that a copy of this document will be served on all parties of record on January 16

2020 in accordance with P.U.C. Procedural Rule 22.74

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