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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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OF TEXAS**

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**STATUS UPDATE NO. 16**

COME NOW, Aqua Texas, Inc. (“Aqua”) and the Town of Buffalo Gap (“Town”) (collectively, the “Applicants”) and file this Status Update No. 16 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. 15 on February 21, 2020 in which the Town reported that it was waiting for another entity involved in its United States Department of Agriculture (“USDA”) project to complete its part of the required paperwork in order to request that USDA issue closing instructions. As of the date of this Status Update No. 16, the Town has received said

paperwork and submitted all required documentation to USDA. The local USDA representative will be requesting closing instructions from USDA this week. The Town's engineers estimate that it will take approximately 30 days to receive those closing instructions; however, the impact of the coronavirus pandemic on USDA operations is unknown at this time. 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 March 19, 2020 in accordance with P.U.C. Procedural Rule 22.74.

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