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#### **PUC DOCKET NO. 48565**

APPLICATION OF AQUA TEXAS,	8	PUBLIC UTILITY COMMISSION
INC. AND TOWN OF BUFFALO GAP	§	RECEIVED
FOR SALE, TRANSFER, OR	§	OF TEXAS
MERGER OF FACILITIES AND	§	
CERTIFICATE RIGHTS IN TAYLOR	§	
COUNTY (GAP WATER SYSTEM)	§	BY
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#### **STATUS UPDATE NO. 20**

COME NOW, Aqua Texas, Inc. ("Aqua") and the Town of Buffalo Gap ("Town") (collectively, the "Applicants") and file this Status Update No. 20 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. On May 22, 2020, the Commission entered Order No. 8 Granting Request for Extension allowing the Applicants until September 30, 2020 to conclude the transaction.

Applicants filed Status Update No. 19 on June 25, 2020 in which the Town reported that one of the other two entities involved in the joint project with the United States Department of

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Agriculture ("USDA") had received its authorization to proceed, but the other had not because that entity had not submitted all of its required paperwork. As of the date of this Status Update No. 20, all entities have received authorization to proceed with advertising the USDA project for bids. The Town's engineers published the first advertisement for bids on July 19, 2020 and will publish the second on July 26, 2020. Bids will be opened on August 13, 2020. Shortly thereafter, the Town should be able to close with USDA to receive the funds needed to close with Aqua. 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 July 23, 2020 in accordance with P.U.C. Procedural Rule 22.74.

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