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APPLICATION OF AQUA TEXAS,	§	PUBLIC UTILITY COMMISSION
INC. AND TOWN OF BUFFALO GAP	§	Films Clark
FOR SALE, TRANSFER, OR	§	OF TEXAS
MERGER OF FACILITIES AND	§	

CERTIFICATE RIGHTS IN TAYLOR 

COUNTY (GAP WATER SYSTEM) 

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#### **STATUS UPDATE NO. 21**

COME NOW, Aqua Texas, Inc. ("Aqua") and the Town of Buffalo Gap ("Town") (collectively, the "Applicants") and file this Status Update No. 21 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. 20 on July 23, 2020 in which the Town reported that all entities had received authorization to proceed with advertising the United States Department of

Agriculture ("USDA") project for bids and that the Town was proceeding with publication and awarding of the construction bid for the project. As of the date of this Status Update No. 21, the Town's engineers have received and opened bids and the chosen bid will be formally awarded by all entities the week of August 24, 2020. Upon awarding the bid, the Town's engineers will forward all documentation to USDA to move towards closing the USDA project. Both the Town and USDA are highly motivated to close the USDA project this quarter due to historically low interest rates. Therefore, the Town is currently on track to close the transaction with Aqua by the September 30, 2020 deadline. 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 August 20, 2020 in accordance with P.U.C. Procedural Rule 22.74.

/s/ Eileen M. Hayman
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