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**APPLICATION OF MSEC ENTERPRISES, §
INC. FOR A PASS THROUGH RATE §
CHANGE §**

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OF TEXAS

COMMISSION STAFF'S REQUEST FOR AN EXTENSION OF TIME

COMES NOW the Staff of the Public Utility Commission of Texas (Staff), representing the public interest, and files this Request for Extension of Time and would show the following:

I. BACKGROUND

On August 31, 2018, MSEC Enterprises, Inc. (MSEC) filed an application pursuant to Texas Administrative Code (TAC) § 24.21(b)(2)¹ for a pass-through rate increase. MSEC recently drilled a new groundwater production well in Grimes County under the jurisdiction of the Bluebonnet Groundwater Conservation District (Bluebonnet). Bluebonnet charges a "water production fee" of \$0.045 per 1,000 gallons of groundwater produced from certain aquifers within its jurisdiction. MSEC wishes to amend its tariff to allow for a recovery of \$0.05 per 1,000 gallons of water derived from this new well in Grimes County. The recovery amount encompasses Bluebonnet's production fee and MSEC's line loss factor.

On September 6, 2018, the Administrative Law Judge issued a Notice Setting Deadline for Staff's Recommendation, which established October 1, 2018, as the deadline for Commission Staff to file a recommendation on the application, address notice requirements, and propose a procedural schedule, if necessary. On September 28, 2018, Staff filed a request for an extension of time until October 5, 2018, because the subject matter expert initially assigned to review this matter no longer works for the Commission. On October 1, 2018, the administrative law judge granted the extension request.

II. REQUEST FOR EXTENSION

Pursuant to 16 Texas Administrative Code (TAC) § 22.4(b), Staff may request that the time allowed for filing any documents be extended for good cause. Staff's newly assigned subject matter expert needs more time to complete its assessment of the application. Therefore, Staff is

¹ 16 Tex. Admin. Code § 24.21 (TAC)

requesting additional time to complete its review of MSEC's application. Staff requests that its deadline to file a recommendation be extended to October 12, 2018. Staff will make every effort to file its recommendation before that date.

III. CONCLUSION

Staff respectfully requests the issuance of an order extending the deadline for its recommendation on the application until October 12, 2018.

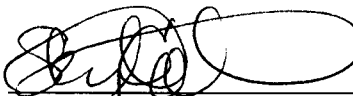
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Respectfully Submitted,

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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I certify that a copy of this document will be served on all parties of record on October 5, 2018, in accordance with 16 TAC § 22.74.



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