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**PETITION OF DENTON SORRELLS,
LLC AND PUNKADILLY LTD. TO
AMEND AQUA TEXAS, INC.'S
CERTIFICATE OF CONVENIENCE
AND NECESSITY IN DENTON
COUNTY BY EXPEDITED RELEASE**

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COMMISSION STAFF'S RESPONSE TO MOTION TO SEVER

COMES NOW the Staff of the Public Utility Commission of Texas (Staff), representing the public interest, and files this Response to Motion to Sever. In support thereof, Staff shows the following:

I. BACKGROUND

On September 19, 2018, Denton Sorrells, LLC (Denton Sorrells) and Punkadully, LTD (Punkadilly) (collectively, Applicants) filed a petition with the Commission for expedited release of approximately 386 acres of land located in the boundaries of Aqua Texas, Inc.'s (Aqua Texas) water Certificate of Convenience and Necessity (CCN) No. 13201 in Denton County, pursuant to Texas Water Code (TWC) § 13.254(a-5) and 16 Texas Administrative Code (TAC) § 24.245(l) (formerly § 24.113(1)). The application has not yet been deemed administratively complete. Order No. 2 established a deadline of December 19, 2018 for Staff to file a recommendation on the sufficiency of the application.

On December 3, 2018, the Applicants requested that the application for Denton Sorrells, LLC remain under this docket number and that the application for Punkadilly, Ltd. be severed into a new docket number.

II. RESPONSE TO MOTION TO SEVER

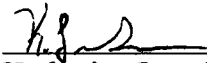
Staff is in receipt of Applicants' motion to sever, and given the language of TWC § 13.254(a-5) and 16 TAC § 24.245(l), agrees that processing the requests of Denton Sorrells, LLC and Punkadilly, Ltd. in two separate dockets would be appropriate. Staff respectfully requests that Applicants' motion be timely granted, so as to not delay the continued processing of this application or affect Staff's December 19, 2018 filing deadline.

Dated: December 6, 2018

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 December 6, 2018, in accordance with 16 TAC § 22.74.



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