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RATEPAYERS' APPEAL OF THE DECISION BY LAGUNA MADRE WATER DISTRICT TO CHANGE RATES

ADMINISTRATIVE HEARINGS

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LAGUNA MADRE WATER DISTRICT'S MOTION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME TO SUBMIT IT'S DIRECT TESTIMONY

TO THE HONORABLE GABRIEL P. SOTO:

COMES NOW, Laguna Madre Water District (herein "*LMWD*"), and files this Motion for Extension of Time to Submit it's Direct Testimony pursuant to Texas Administrative Code § 22.4(b).

I.

1. The deadline to submit written testimony by LMWD in this case was November 15, 2019. LMWD's written testimony consists of over 300 pages of documents. LMWD sent the original and thirteen physical copies of the document to the Public Utility Commission by Federal Express for overnight delivery on November 14, 2019. See the confirmation slip attached hereto as **Exhibit "A"**.

2. On Monday, November 18, 2019, LMWD was made aware the package did not arrive. Upon contacting Federal Express, it was learned that the package arrived in Memphis, TN, instead of Austin, TX, and that the package was empty, with the contents apparently lost.

3. On today's date, November 18, 2019, LMWD is preparing thirteen new sets of physical copies of the document and are sending such to the Public Utility Commission as soon as possible.

4. There is good cause for such extension of time and that the need for the extension is

not caused by the neglect, indifference, or lack of diligence of LMWD. This motion is being filed as soon as LMWD has learned of the failure of Fed Ex to deliver the documents.

5. Further, the written testimony was provided to Appellant timely by email. LMWD has contacted Appellant, and Appellant has no objection to this request for extension.

WHEREFORE, PREMISES CONSIDERED, Laguna Madre Water District, respectfully requests the Public Utility Commission grant a one (1) week extension of the deadline to provide written testimony from the November 15, 2019 deadline as set forth in its Scheduling Order to November 22, 2019.

Respectfully Submitted,

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CERTIFICATE OF CONFERENCE

On the 18th day of November, 2019, the undersigned contacted all other counsel to confer about the foregoing Agreed Motion for Extension of Time for Laguna Madre Water District to Submit its Direct Testimony and they have informed me that they are not opposed to the filing of this motion.

Brian J. Hansen

CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I certify that a copy of this document will be served on all parties of record on November 18, 2019, in accordance with 16 TAC § 22.74 as follows:

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