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

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COMMISSION STAFF'S MOTION FOR EXTENSION

COMES NOW the Staff of the Public Utility Commission of Texas (Staff), representing the public interest, and files this motion for extension. In support thereof, Staff would show the following:

I. BACKGROUND

On January 29, 2019, a petition to appeal rates was filed by South Padre Island Golf Course via the SPI Golf Homeowners JV, Inc. (SPI). SPI challenged a decision by Laguna Madre Water District's board of directors which increased SPI's rates for untreated irrigation water. As authority for its appeal, SPI invoked Texas Water Code (TWC) sections 13.043 and 13.186, as well as the Public Utility Commission's (Commission) administrative rules.

Order No. 1, issued on January 31, 2019, required Staff to comment on the administrative completeness of the petition by February 28, 2019. The honorable judge further ordered Staff to state its position on whether, in light of the fact that the petition complains about rates charged for non-potable water, the Commission has jurisdiction to consider the appeal, and whether the appeal may be brought under TWC sections 13.043 and 13.186.

II. MOTION FOR EXTENSION

In light of the important jurisdictional question presented, staff prays for an additional week to fully brief this case. Staff therefore respectfully requests that the deadline for Staff's initial filing be reset to March 7, 2019.

III. CONCLUSION

Staff prays that the honorable judge enter an order resetting the deadline for Staff's initial recommendation to March 7, 2019.

Dated: February 28, 2019

Respectfully Submitted,

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I certify that a copy of this document will be served on all parties of record on February 28, 2019, in accordance with 16 TAC § 22.74.



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