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

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**BEFORE THE STATE OFFICE
OF
ADMINISTRATIVE HEARINGS**

COMMISSION STAFF'S UNOPPOSED MOTION FOR ABATEMENT

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

I. BACKGROUND

On January 29, 2019, South Padre Island Golf Course via SPI Golf Homeowners JV, Inc. (Ratepayers) filed a petition contesting a rate action by Laguna Madre Water District (District). The petition was filed pursuant to Tex. Water Code (TWC) § 13.043 and § 13.186. On March 8, 2019, the Ratepayers filed an amended petition contesting a rate action by the District pursuant to TWC § 12.013, chapters 11 and 12 of the TWC, and the Public Utility Commission's Substantive Rules. On June 21, 2019, this matter was referred to the State Office of Administrative Hearings (SOAH).

Under the procedural schedule, Staff's direct testimony is due to be filed on February 19, 2020.

II. STAFF'S UNOPPOSED MOTION TO ABATE

Staff requests that this case be abated in order to facilitate continued settlement discussions amongst the parties. Staff is authorized to represent that the District and Ratepayers are unopposed to this motion.

III. CONCLUSION

Staff respectfully requests this proceeding be abated pending settlement discussions.

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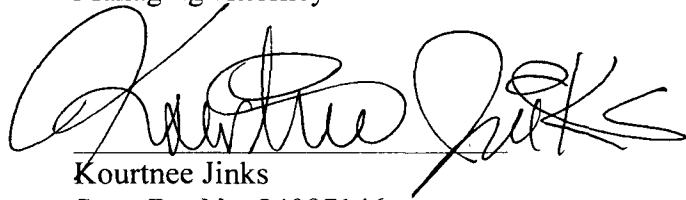
Dated: February 18, 2020

Respectfully submitted,

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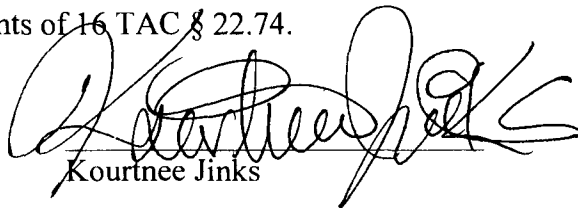
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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I certify that a copy of this document was served on all parties of record on February 18, 2020, in accordance with the requirements of 16 TAC § 22.74.

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