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**APPLICATION OF THE CITY OF
AUSTIN FOR AUTHORITY TO
CHANGE THE WATER AND
WASTEWATER RATES FOR NORTH
AUSTIN MUNICIPAL UTILITY
DISTRICT NO. 1, NORTHTOWN
MUNICIPAL UTILITY DISTRICT,
TRAVIS COUNTY WATER CONTROL
AND IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT NO.
10, AND WELLS BRANCH
MUNICIPAL UTILITY DISTRICT IN
WILLIAMSON AND TRAVIS
COUNTIES**

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**PUBLIC UTILITY COMMISSION
OF TEXAS**

COMMISSION STAFF'S LIST OF ISSUES

COMES NOW the staff (Staff) of the Public Utility Commission of Texas (Commission), representing the public interest, and files this List of Issues. In support thereof, Staff shows the following:

I. BACKGROUND

On April 15, 2019, the City of Austin dba Austin Water (AW) file an application for authority to change wholesale water and wastewater rates. This application is filed in accordance with Texas Water Code (TWC) § 13.044(b), which states that once the Commission fixes the rates to be charged by a municipality under TWC § 13.044, those rates may not increase without the approval of the Commission.

On May 17, 2019, the administrative law judge (ALJ) set the deadline for filing lists of issues as June 17, 2019. Therefore, this pleading is timely filed.

II. LIST OF ISSUES

Staff submits the following issues for consideration in this proceeding:

1. What are the just and reasonable rates for AW to the North Austin Municipal Utility District No. 1, Northtown Municipal Utility District, Travis County Water Control and Improvement District No. 10, and Wells Branch Municipal Utility District (Districts) and that are not unreasonably preferential, prejudicial, or discriminatory?
2. In establishing the proposed rates, did AW design rates for the Districts consistent with ratemaking principles?

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- a. What is the appropriate fixed charge?
 - b. What is the appropriate volumetric charge?
3. Are AW's proposed post-test year adjustments reasonable and necessary?
4. Are AW's rate case expenses reasonable and necessary? How should AW recover its necessary and reasonable rate case expenses incurred in this proceeding?

III. ISSUES NOT TO BE ADDRESSED

Staff has not identified any issues that should not be addressed in this docket.

IV. THRESHOLD LEGAL/POLICY ISSUES

Staff has not identified any legal or policy issues that should be briefed for the purposes of a preliminary order.

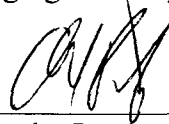
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Respectfully Submitted,

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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE**

I certify that a copy of this document will be served on all parties of record June 17, 2019,
in accordance with 16 Texas Admin. Code § 22.74.



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