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**PETITION BY OUTSIDE CITY  
RATEPAYERS APPEALING THE  
WATER AND WASTEWATER RATES  
ESTABLISHED BY THE CITY OF  
CELINA**

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**PUBLIC UTILITY COMMISSION  
OF TEXAS**

### **JOINT MOTION TO ABATE**

COME NOW, the Outside City Ratepayers of the City of Celina (“Petitioners”) and the City of Celina (“City”) and file this, their Joint Motion to Abate in the above-referenced matter. In support of the Motion, Petitioners and the City show the following.

#### **I.**

Petitioners and the City have reached a tentative settlement of this matter. The temporary abatement of the procedural schedule established in SOAH Order No. 2 would provide the necessary time for the parties to complete the necessary paperwork to finalize settlement without continuing to incur unnecessary litigation costs. The parties propose abating the schedule and suspending all discovery until September 1, 2020. The parties have informed the PUC Staff attorneys of the proposed temporary abatement, and the PUC Staff attorneys are unopposed to the temporary abatement of the case. If for any reason a party requests reinstatement of the procedural schedule, the parties would expect that a new schedule would need to be established for the remainder of the case to comport with the parties’ and the ALJ’s schedules at that time.

#### **II.**

WHEREFORE, PREMISES CONSIDERED, the parties respectfully pray that, pursuant to Section 155.15 of Title 1 of the Texas Administrative Code, the Administrative Law Judge issue an order temporarily abating the procedural schedule, suspending discovery, and requiring the parties to submit a progress report by September 1, 2020 to the Administrative Law Judge on the status of the settlement of this matter.

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**CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE**

I hereby certify that I have served or will serve a true and correct copy of the foregoing document via hand delivery, facsimile, electronic mail, overnight mail, U.S. mail and/or Certified Mail Return Receipt Requested to all parties on this the 26<sup>th</sup> day of June 2020.

  
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