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APPLICATION BIG WOOD SPRINGS WATER SYSTEM FOR A PRICE INDEX RATE ADJUSTMENT

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ORDER NO. 3 REQUESTING CLARIFICATION

This Order addresses the application of Big Wood Springs Water System filed on September 17, 2019. In response to Order No. 1 filed on October 4, 2019, the applicant listed its legal name as Big Wood Springs Water System stating that the name has been the operating name on the TCEQ and PUC websites and documents. However, there is documentation in the record that suggests that Big Springs Water System is not the correct legal name. Additionally, the current tariff lists the utility name as Pat McCoy dba Big Woods Springs Water Company. The administrative law judge (ALJ) requests clarification of the correct name of the utility.

The record reflects that on January 26, 1990, the Texas Natural Resource Conservation Commission issued a tariff with the name of the entity providing water as Pat McCoy dba Big Woods Springs Water Company. Subsequently, on September 12, 1990, the Texas Water Commission issued certificate of convenience and necessity number 12367 to Pat Petty dba Big Woods Springs Water Company. Further, the current application filed lists the applicant as Estate of Patetreen Petty, David Petty, Executor. Texas Water Code §13.002(19) defines a retail public utility as, "any person, corporation, public utility, water supply or sewer service corporation, municipality, political subdivision or agency operating, maintaining, or controlling in this state facilities for providing potable water service or sewer service, or both, for compensation." It appears from the record that the utility is a sole proprietorship and not registered with the Texas secretary of state. If that is correct, the utility name is the name of the sole proprietor, not the name that appears on the Commission's website.

The ALJ requests that on or before October 30, 2019 Commission Staff clarify the legal name of the utility in this Docket. Further, once the correct name is established, Commission Staff must issue a new tariff with the correct name, if applicable. The ALJ will restyle this Docket if appropriate. In light of the need for this clarification, the proposed effective date of the rate

adjustment will likely need to be adjusted.

Signed at Austin, Texas the 23rd day of October 2019.

PUBLIC UTILITY COMMISSION OF TEXAS

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ADMINISTRATIVE LAW JUDGE

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