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**APPLICATION OF TIMBERCREST
PARTNERS LLC FOR AUTHORITY
TO CHANGE RATES**

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**COMMISSION STAFF'S REQUEST FOR REFERRAL TO THE STATE OFFICE OF
ADMINISTRATIVE HEARINGS**

On January 17, 2020, Timbercrest Partners, LLC (Timbercrest) filed an application for authority to change its retail water and sewer rates under Texas Water Code (TWC) §§ 13.1871 and 13.1872(c)(2) and 16 Texas Administrative Code (TAC) §§ 24.25-44.

On March 18, 2021, the administrative law judge (ALJ) filed Order No. 10 requiring the Staff (Staff) of the Public Utility Commission of Texas (Commission) to request a hearing or file a recommendation on final disposition by April 5, 2021. Therefore, this pleading is timely filed.

**I. REQUEST FOR REFERRAL TO THE STATE OFFICE OF
ADMINISTRATIVE HEARINGS**

The Commission may set this matter for hearing on its own motion under 16 TAC § 24.35(c)(1) at any time before 120 days after the effective date of the rate change. The revised effective date of the rate change, as reflected in Order No. 9, is December 8, 2020. Therefore, the deadline for Staff to request referral to the State Office of Administrative Hearings (SOAH) is April 7, 2021. Staff requests that this matter be referred to SOAH for an evidentiary hearing on the Commission's own motion in the public interest. Accordingly, Staff does not propose a procedural schedule at this time.

II. CONCLUSION

Staff respectfully requests that this docket be referred to SOAH for an evidentiary hearing.

Date: March 31, 2021

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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I certify that, unless otherwise ordered by the presiding officer, notice of the filing of this document was provided to all parties of record via electronic mail on March 31, 2021, in accordance with the Order Suspending Rules, issued in Project No. 50664.

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