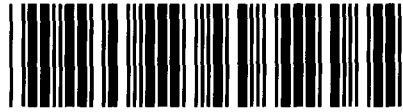
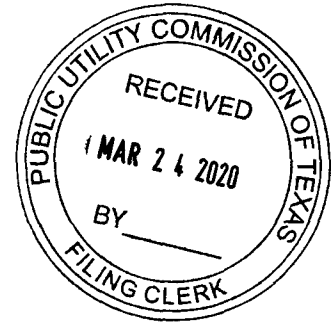
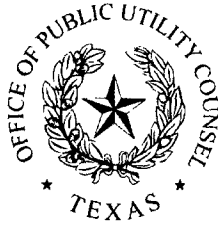


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Commissioner Arthur C. D'Andrea
Commissioner Shelly Botkin
Public Utility Commission of Texas
1701 N. Congress Avenue
Austin, Texas 78701

Re: PUC Project No. 50664, *Issues Related to the State of Disaster for Coronavirus Disease 2019*

Dear Commissioners:

As you are aware, on March 13, 2020, Governor Abbott issued "[a] proclamation certifying that COVID-19 poses an imminent threat of disaster in the state and declaring a state of disaster for all counties in Texas." Since March 16, 2020, the Office of Public Utility Counsel ("OPUC") has implemented a teleworking policy that requires all employees to work from home to ensure health and safety best practices and help flatten the curve of COVID-19. As always, and especially during this important time, OPUC remains strongly committed to representing our state's millions of residential and small commercial consumers in the electric, water, wastewater and telecommunications industries in Texas. The health and safety of our state's residential and small commercial consumers and the greater public are of paramount importance. OPUC is actively monitoring the COVID-19 situation and the Commission and stakeholder filings in this project.

Thank you for your leadership. Please let me know if I can be of any assistance.

Respectfully submitted,

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Chief Executive & Public Counsel