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APPLICATION OF MONARCH  
UTILITIES I L.P. FOR AUTHORITY  
TO CHANGE RATES

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**AGREED MOTION TO ABATE AND REQUEST FOR EXPEDITED RULING**

Monarch Utilities I L.P. (Monarch), the Staff of the Public Utility Commission of Texas (Commission Staff), and the Office of Public Utility Counsel (OPUC) (collectively, the Parties) file this Agreed Motion to Abate the proceedings in this docket. Counsel for Commission Staff and OPUC attempted to reach Kathy Nielsen, a pro se intervenor in this proceeding, to obtain her consent to this filing, and have not been able to reach Ms. Nielsen. In support thereof, the Parties would show the State Office of Administrative Hearings (SOAH) the following:

At the Prehearing Conference on December 7, 2020, the Administrative Law Judges adopted the parties' joint proposed briefing schedule<sup>1</sup> in this docket.<sup>2</sup> The Parties are currently in the process of finalizing a settlement agreement that includes a proposed final order. To allow the Parties adequate time to finalize their settlement agreement, the Parties request that the procedural schedule identified in the parties' agreed filing be abated. Pursuant to the adopted briefing schedule, initial post-hearing briefs are due on February 3, 2021. Therefore, the parties respectfully request an expedited ruling on the motion to abate. After the expiration of 14 days, the Parties will prepare and file a proposed order and applicable final tariff, or a status report.

The Parties respectfully request that the procedural schedule identified in SOAH Order No. 3 be abated as outlined above.

Respectfully submitted,

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<sup>1</sup> Monarch Utilities I L.P., The Office of Public Utility Counsel, and Commission Staff's Joint Proposed Briefing Schedule (Nov. 12, 2020).

<sup>2</sup> Tr. at 12:13-13:8 (Dec. 8, 2020).

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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 February 2, 2021, in accordance with the Order Suspending Rules, issued in Project No. 50664.

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