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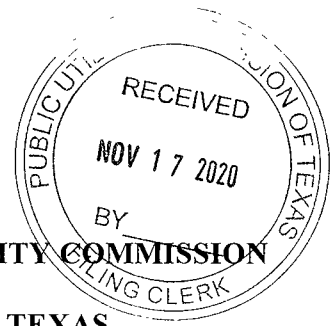
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**APPLICATION OF JAMES NELSON  
DBA WATERCO TO OBTAIN A  
WATER CERTIFICATE OF  
CONVENIENCE AND NECESSITY IN  
MONTAGUE COUNTY**

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**PUBLIC UTILITY COMMISSION  
OF TEXAS**



**COMMISSION STAFF'S MOTION TO ABATE**

**COMES NOW** the Staff of the Public Utility Commission of Texas (Staff), representing the public interest, and files this motion. Staff recommends that this docket be abated. In support thereof, Staff would show the following:

**I. BACKGROUND**

On June 23, 2020, James Nelson dba Waterco (Waterco) filed an application to obtain a water certificate of convenience and necessity (CCN) in Montague County. The requested service area consists of an undetermined number of acres and as many as 20 potential connections.

On September 28, 2020, Order No. 3 was filed establishing a deadline of November 18, 2020, for Staff to file a supplemental recommendation on the administrative completeness of the application and notice and propose a procedural schedule for further processing of the application. This pleading, therefore, is timely filed.

**II. MOTION TO ABATE**

As a result of the discussions that occurred at the October 16, 2020 open meeting,<sup>1</sup> Staff moves to abate this proceeding. Given that Waterco has stated its agreement to work with Staff to come into compliance with applicable rules and laws, Staff recommends that abating the present procedural schedule will best enable Staff and Waterco to reach a productive outcome. As a first step, Waterco will receive assistance with its CCN application from the Texas Rural Water Association.

**III. CONCLUSION**

Staff respectfully requests the issuance of an order consistent with the foregoing motion.

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<sup>1</sup> Open Meeting Tr. at 35-36 (Oct. 16, 2020).

Dated: November 17, 2020

Respectfully submitted,

**PUBLIC UTILITY COMMISSION OF TEXAS  
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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 on November 17, 2020, in accordance with the Order Suspending Rules, issued in Project No. 50664.

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