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September 10, 2020

DREW SPRINGER
DISTRICT 68

Chair DeAnn T. Walker
Public Utility Commission of Texas
1701 N. Congress Avenue
Austin, Texas 78711

RE: STM by Patterson Water Supply (CCN: 13248).

Dear Chairwoman:

Please approve with the greatest expedition possible the Application for Sale, Transfer, or Merger of a Retail Public Utility (STM) of the Perrin Water System (CCN 12196) and Sunset Water System (11779) from David Fenoglio to Patterson Water Supply. Sunset and Perrin's communities have been plagued with water quality issues and random temporary outages over the past three years. Finally, they now have a chance at a reliable, quality water service.

The acquisition of Sunset and Perrin by Patterson Water Supply is a culmination of over approximately three years of work, involving three agencies, AG litigation, and finally, the passage of HB 3542. Your agency was instrumental in developing House Bill 3542 (86R) by Lucio (Amendment by Chairman Springer). The bill corrected a loophole that allowed bad actors to provide retail water or sewer with fewer than 10,000 taps or connections to operate over decades with substandard service without taking corrective action.

Hopefully, the passage of HB 3542 will prevent future Perrin and Sunset Water systems from the unchecked abuse of bad actors. However, Perrin and Sunset's communities are not entirely relieved of their retail water problems until your agency approves the STM by Patterson Water Supply. Therefore, I am asking you and your agency to please approve the STM by Patterson Water Supply, now pending before your agency, as soon as possible. Thank you in advance for your cooperation in this matter.

Respectfully Submitted,

A handwritten signature of Drew Springer in black ink.

Rep. Drew Springer,
House Chairman of Agriculture

CC: Arthur C. D'Andrea, PUC Commissioner; Shelly Botkin, PUC Commissioner; Mark Patterson,
President, Patterson Water Supply

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