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**COMPLAINT OF JOHN BLALOCK
AGAINST MERCY WATER SUPPLY
CORPORATION**

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**PUBLIC UTILITY COMMISSION
OF TEXAS**

**ORDER NO. 7
ADOPTING AGREED DISCOVERY SCHEDULE
AND IMPOSING LIMITS ON DISCOVERY**

This Order addresses the parties' October 23, 2020 agreed discovery schedule for continued processing of this proceeding.

The administrative law judge (ALJ) adopts the agreed discovery schedule as follows:

Date	Action
November 18, 2020	deadline for serving written discovery requests
December 8, 2020	deadline to respond to written discovery requests
January 8, 2021	Commission Staff deadline to file supplemental statement of position
January 22, 2021	deadline for Mr. Blalock and Mercy Water Supply Corporation to respond to Commission Staff's supplemental statement of position; deadline to request a hearing

Under 16 Texas Administrative Code (TAC) § 22.141(c)(3), "[t]he parties may, by written agreement, modify the procedures provided by [16 TAC ch. 22] for other methods of discovery." Accordingly, consistent with the parties' October 23, 2020 written agreement, the following additional terms regarding discovery apply:

1. Service will occur by email and filing on the Commission's interchange.
2. The deadline to respond to all timely filed discovery requests is 20 days after receipt of the request in accordance with 16 TAC § 22.144(c)(1), with the last date to file discovery requests being November 18, 2020.
3. The deadlines to file any objections to discovery, motions to compel, and responses to motions to compel will be in accordance with 16 TAC § 22.144(d) through (f).
4. The parties are expected to confer and attempt in good faith to resolve any discovery procedural dispute prior to seeking a ruling from the ALJ.

5. All discovery requests shall be limited to Mercy Water Supply Corporation's service to the Northern¹ and Southern Tracts² and the facilities directly used to provide such service.
6. The discovery period, which ends on January 8, 2021, must be limited to written discovery and must be conducted in accordance with the following limitations:
 - a. Request for Information. Any party may serve on any other party no more than 25 requests for information, excluding requests asking a party only to identify or authenticate specific documents. Each discrete subpart of any request for information is considered a separate request for information. A request for information must identify with reasonable particularity the information being sought and may request a party's knowledge, mental impressions, and opinions.
 - b. Requests for Production. Any party may serve on any other party no more than 25 written requests for production. Each discrete subpart of a request for production is considered a separate request for production. A request for production must identify with reasonable particularity the documents or material being sought.
 - c. Requests for Admissions. Any party may serve on any other party no more than 25 written requests for admissions. Each discrete subpart of a request for admission is considered a separate request for admission. A request for admission asks the other party to admit the truth of any matter related to Mercy Water Supply's service to the Northern and Southern Tracts and the facilities directly used to provide such service.

¹ Also identified as 1611 Bowen Loop, Cleveland, Texas 77328, which is the tract that Mr. Blalock claims ownership of.

² Also identified as 1601 Bowen Loop, Cleveland, Texas 77328, which is the tract that Mr. Rodz provided proof of ownership of to Mercy Water Supply.

Signed at Austin, Texas the 26th day of October 2020.

PUBLIC UTILITY COMMISSION OF TEXAS

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ISAAC TA
ADMINISTRATIVE LAW JUDGE

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