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

PUBLIC UTILITY COMMISSION
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COMMISSION STAFF'S UNOPPOSED REQUEST FOR EXTENSION

COMES NOW the Staff (Staff) of the Public Utility Commission of Texas (Commission), representing the public interest, and files this Unopposed Request for Extension. In support thereof, Staff shows the following:

I. BACKGROUND

On August 27, 2020, John Blalock (Mr. Blalock) filed a complaint against Mercy Water Supply Corporation (Mercy WSC) under 16 Texas Administrative Code (TAC) § 22.242 regarding water service.

On October 26, 2020, the administrative law judge filed Order No. 7, establishing a deadline of January 8, 2021 for Staff to file a supplemental statement of position. Therefore, this pleading is timely filed.

II. REQUEST FOR EXTENSION

Pursuant to 16 Texas Administrative Code (TAC) § 22.4(b), Staff may request that the time allowed for filing any documents be extended for good cause. Following the ALJ's filing of Order No. 8 in this docket on December 11, 2020, which granted and denied in part Mercy WSC's December 7, 2020 Motion to Compel,¹ an ongoing dispute regarding the provision of discovery responses continues to exist. Specifically, on January 5, 2021, Mercy WSC filed its Second Motion to Compel,² contesting certain of Mr. Blalock's responses and requesting additional responses to Mercy WSC's First Request for Information.³

¹ Mercy Water Supply Corporation's Motion to Compel Response to Mercy's First Request for Information to Complainant (Dec. 1, 2020).

² Mercy Water Supply Corporation's Second Motion to Compel Complainant's Response to Mercy's First Request for Information (Jan. 5, 2021).

³ Mercy Water Supply Corporation's First Request for Information to Complainant (Nov. 18, 2020).

Therefore, Staff respectfully requests that its deadline to file a supplemental statement of position be extended to February 8, 2021, so that the ongoing dispute regarding Mr. Blalock's responses to Mercy WSC's RFIs can be resolved. Staff has conferred with Mr. Blalock and counsel for Mercy WSC, and neither party is opposed to the requested extension.

III. CONCLUSION

On the aforementioned basis, Staff respectfully requests that the ALJ extend the deadline to file a supplemental statement of position to February 8, 2021.

Dated: January 7, 2021

Respectfully Submitted,

**PUBLIC UTILITY COMMISSION OF
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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 January 7, 2021, in accordance with the Order Suspending Rules, issued in Project No. 50664.

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