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JOHN BLALOCK'S STATEMENT SUPPORTING MEDIATION

COMES NOW John Blalock (hereinafter "Mr. Blalock") and timely files his Statement Supporting Mediation:

I.

MR. BLALOCK'S REASONING FOR MEDIATION

If done properly, mediation would be an effective tool in taking some of the burden off of the Administrative Law Judge (hereinafter "ALJ") as it may allow the parties to come to an understanding that they were unable to during the beginning of the Formal Complaint Proceeding as all communications were in pleadings and emails, which inhibited the ability of the parties to properly present their cases, and discuss the evidence. Allowing for a better discussion of the evidence and the case of each party may allow for the parties to come to an agreement, which would stop the need for any future trials or hearings.

II.

ISSUES THAT MAY ARISE IN RELATION TO MEDIATION

As Mercy mentioned the Civil Case, Mr. Blalock believes it would be proper to mention that Mercy failed to comply with a mediation order from the 258th District Court of Texas, avoiding it by moving the case to the federal courts on the last day. Mr. Blalock believes that despite two

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different law offices handling the different cases that Mercy may attempt to avoid mediation if ordered. And, from Mr. Blalock's understanding, the issues with the mediation in the Civil Case was nothing to do with Mercy's legal representation but with Mercy Water Supply Corporation's Office Manager and Field Manager not getting in contact with their attorney. Or, at least that was what was said to Mr. Blalock when contacting the law office, the mediation was referred too.

III.

CONCLUSION

Mr. Blalock respectfully states that he is not opposed to mediation, that he believes it can be an effective tool, and actually encourages the ALJ to refer this matter to mediation.

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED BY,

/s/ John Blalock