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APPLICATION OF G&W WATER SUPPLY CORPORATION AND THE CITY OF HEMPSTEAD FOR SALE, TRANSFER, OR MERGER OF FACILITIES AND CERTIFICATE RIGHTS IN WALLER COUNTY

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COMMISSION STAFF'S REQUEST FOR EXTENSION

COMES NOW the Staff of the Public Utility Commission of Texas (Staff), representing the public interest, and files this Request for Extension and would show the following:

I. BACKGROUND

On September 23, 2020, G&W Water Supply Corporation (G&W) and the City of Hempstead (City of Hempstead) (collectively, Applicants) filed an application for approval of the sale and transfer of certificate of convenience and necessity (CCN) rights in Waller County. City of Hempstead seeks approval to acquire facilities and to transfer a portion of water service area from G&W's water certificate of convenience and necessity (CCN) No. 12391. The requested area includes approximately 120 acres and 0 connections. On October 26, 2020, the administrative law judge (ALJ) filed Order No. 2 finding the application deficient. Order No. 2 required Applicants to cure the deficiencies by November 23, 2020, and for Staff to file a supplemental recommendation on administrative completeness by December 30, 2020. Applicants filed supplemental information on October 28, December 15, December 16, and December 21, 2020.

On January 5, 2021, the ALJ filed Order No. 3, extending Staff's deadline to file a supplemental recommendation on administrative completeness of the application and a proposed procedural schedule to January 27, 2021. Therefore, this pleading is timely filed

II. REQUEST FOR EXTENSION

Pursuant to 16 TAC § 22.4(b), Staff may request that the time allowed for filing any documents be extended for good cause. Applicants filed additional supplemental information on January 15, 2021. Additionally, Staff received responses to requests for information (RFIs) on January 22, 2021. These responses will inform Staff's recommendation on administrative completeness. Staff respectfully requests an extension of its deadline to file a recommendation on

administrative completeness to March 5, 2021, to allow time for Staff to evaluate the responses and all supplemental information that has been filed in this docket.

III. CONCLUSION

Staff respectfully requests an order extending its deadline to file a supplemental recommendation on administrative completeness and a procedural schedule to March 5, 2021.

Dated: January 26, 2021

Respectfully Submitted,

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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 26, 2021, in accordance with the Order Suspending Rules, issued in Project No. 50664.

<u>/s/ Alaina Zermeno</u> Alaina Zermeno