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**PETITION OF AQUA TEXAS, INC.
AND THE CITY OF AUSTIN FOR
APPROVAL OF SERVICE AREA
CONTRACT UNDER TEXAS WATER
CODE § 13.248 AND TO AMEND
CERTIFICATES OF CONVENIENCE
AND NECESSITY IN TRAVIS
COUNTY**

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COMMISSION STAFF'S SECOND REQUEST FOR EXTENSION

On November 2, 2020, Aqua Texas, Inc. (Aqua) and the City of Austin (Austin) (collectively, Petitioners) filed a petition for approval of a service area contract under Texas Water Code (TWC) § 13.248. The Petitioners seek to transfer approximately 9 acres of water service area from Aqua's certificate of convenience and necessity (CCN) number 13254 to Austin's CCN number 11322. The Petitioners' service area contract is being reviewed in accordance with 16 Texas Administrative Code (TAC) § 24.253. The requested service area contains no existing customers or facilities. Aqua filed supplemental mapping and a service list on November 10, 2020. On January 5, 2021, Aqua filed a signed consent form. On January 7, 2021, Austin filed a signed consent form. On January 20, 2021, Staff filed its final recommendation.

On January 28, 2021, the administrative law judge (ALJ) filed Order No. 3, granting a motion for extension and establishing a deadline of February 3, 2021 for Petitioners to file a joint proposed finding of fact and conclusions of law. Therefore, this pleading is timely filed.

I. REQUEST FOR EXTENSION

Pursuant to 16 Texas Administrative Code (TAC) § 22.4(b), Staff may request to extend the time for review of an application when good cause is shown. Staff needs additional time to review and analyze the petition in order to properly respond to ALJ requests. The Petitioners are unopposed to this motion for request for extension. Staff respectfully requests the entry of an order extending the deadline to March 19, 2021.

II. CONCLUSION

For the reasons detailed above, Staff respectfully requests an order be issued approving the motion for request for extension.

Dated: February 2, 2021

Respectfully submitted,

**PUBLIC UTILITY COMMISSION OF TEXAS
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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 February 2, 2021, in accordance with the Order Suspending Rules, issued in Project No. 50664.

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