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TARIFF CONTROL NO. 52032

APPLICATION OF INLINE \$ PUBLIC UTILITY COMMISSION DEVELOPMENT INC. FOR A PASS \$ THROUGH RATE CHANGE \$ OF TEXAS

COMMISSION STAFF'S RECOMMENDATION ON NOTICE OF INTERIM RATES AND THIRD STATUS UPDATE

On April 15, 2021, Inline Development Inc. (Inline) filed an application under 16 Texas Administrative Code (TAC) § 24.25(b) for approval of a pass-through rate change related to an increase in fees imposed on the utility by North Harris County Regional Water Authority.

On July 22, 2021, the administrative law judge (ALJ) filed a notice directing the Staff (Staff) of the Public Utility Commission of Texas (Commission) to file a status report on abatement beginning on September 1, 2021 and continuing monthly thereafter. Further, on September 17, 2021 the ALJ ordered Staff to file a recommendation on notice of interim rates by October 29, 2021. Therefore, this pleading is timely filed.

I. RECOMMENDATION ON NOTICE OF INTERIM RATES

Under 16 TAC § 24.37(j) a utility shall provide a notice to its customers including the interim rates set by the commission or presiding officer with the first billing at the interim rate. Further, the notice must include the language "The commission (or presiding officer) has established the following interim rates to be in effect until the final decision on the requested rate change (appeal) or until another interim rate is established." Staff has reviewed the proof of notice filed confidentially by Inline on October 28, 2021 and recommends that the proof of notice of the interim rates be found sufficient.

II. STATUS UPDATE

Staff has conferred with Inline representatives and understands that Inline is working to finalize, and intends to file with the Commission, an application for a sale, transfer, or merger (STM). Staff will continue to work with Inline to ensure that the STM application is filed as soon as possible. Consistent with the ALJ's Order filed on July 22, 2021, Staff will provide another status update on December 1, 2021.

III. CONCLUSION

Staff respectfully requests that notice of the interim rates be found sufficient and also provides this status update on abatement.

Dated: October 29, 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 October 29, 2021, in accordance with the Order Suspending Rules, issued in Project No. 50664.

/s/ Robert Dakota Parish___ Robert Dakota Parish