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PETITION BY OUTSIDE CITY	§	PUBLIC UTILITY COMMISSION
RATEPAYERS APPEALING THE	§	
WATER RATES ESTABLISHED BY	§	OF TEXAS
THE CITY OF MELVIN	§	

**COMMISSION STAFF’S RESPONSE TO CITY OF MELVIN’S REQUEST FOR
EXTENSION TO RESPOND TO ORDER NO. 6**

On June 10, 2021, certain ratepayers (Petitioners) outside the City of Melvin (Melvin) filed, under Texas Water Code (TWC) § 13.043(b)(3) and 16 Texas Administrative Code (TAC) § 24.103(c)(3), a petition appealing the water rates approved by Melvin City Council on January 18, 2021.

On January 17, 2023, the administrative law judge (ALJ) filed Order No. 7, establishing a deadline of February 21, 2023 for Melvin, the Petitioners, and the Staff (Staff) of the Public Utility Commission of Texas (Commission) (collectively, the Parties) to file joint comments on the existing payment schedule and amounts, and what, if any, steps can be taken to ensure a timelier approach is realized in completing the refunds. Therefore, this pleading is timely filed.

I. REQUEST FOR EXTENSION

Under 16 Texas Administrative Code (TAC) § 22.4(b), parties may request that the time allowed for filing any documents be extended for good cause. The Parties require more time to agree on and prepare joint comments for the ALJ’s consideration. Accordingly, the Parties respectfully request an extension until March 7, 2023 to file joint comments.

II. CONCLUSION

For the reasons detailed above, the Parties respectfully request the entry of an order extending the deadline for the Parties to file joint comments to March 7, 2023.

Dated: February 21, 2023

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 21, 2023, in accordance with the Second Order Suspending Rules, issued in Project No. 50664.

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