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**PETITION BY OUTSIDE CITY
RATEPAYERS APPEALING THE
WATER RATES ESTABLISHED BY
THE CITY OF MELVIN**

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**PUBLIC UTILITY COMMISSION

OF TEXAS**

COMMISSION STAFF'S REQUEST FOR EXTENSION

On June 10, 2021, certain ratepayers (Petitioners) outside the City of Melvin (Melvin) filed, under Texas Water Code § 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 June 30, 2021, the administrative law judge (ALJ) filed Order No. 2, granting Melvin's request for an extension to file its response to the petition, and extended the deadline for the Staff (Staff) of the Public Utility Commission of Texas (Commission) to file comments on the administrative completeness of the petition to July 30, 2021. Therefore, this pleading is timely filed.

I. REQUEST FOR EXTENSION

Under 16 TAC § 22.4(b), Staff may request that the time allowed for filing any documents be extended for good cause. On July 26, 2021, Staff filed with Melvin its first request for Information (RFI) and on July 28, 2021, Melvin filed its response to the petition. Staff requires additional time to review Melvin's response to the petition and to receive and review Melvin's responses to the RFI. Particularly, Staff expects both responses to affect Staff's comments on the administrative completeness of the petition. Accordingly, Staff respectfully requests that the deadline to file comments on the administrative completeness of the petition be extended to August 30, 2021 and that the deadline to confer and file comments on how this proceeding should be processed and propose a procedural schedule be extended to September 6, 2021.

II. CONCLUSION

For the reason specified above, Staff respectfully requests the entry of an order extending the deadline for Staff to file comments on the administrative completeness of the petition to August 30, 2021 and the deadline to confer and file comments on how this proceeding should be processed and propose a procedural schedule to September 6, 2021.

Dated: July 28, 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 on July 28, 2021 in accordance with the Order Suspending Rules filed in Project No. 50664.

/s/ Scott Miles
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