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APPLICATION OF MEDINA	§	BEFORE THE
HIGHLANDS D/B/A AVALON POINT	§	
WATER SYSTEM, LLC FOR	§	STATE OFFICE OF
AUTHORITY TO CHANGE RATES	§	ADMINISTRATIVE HEARINGS

MEDINA HIGHLANDS d/b/a AVALON POINT WATER SYSTEM, LLC'S UNOPPOSED MOTION FOR REFERRAL OF CASE TO MEDIATION

TO: The Honorable Administrative Law Judge ("ALJ") of State Office of Administrative Hearings:

Applicant Medina Highlands d/b/a Avalon Point Water System, LLC ("Medina Highlands") files this unopposed motion to refer this case to a SOAH mediator to conduct a mediation at the earliest possible time and in support hereof would show as follows:

- 1. At the January 31, 2023 SOAH preliminary hearing, the Parties discussed various ways of obtaining an agreed settlement of the issues in this case. After exploring the idea of holding informal settlement discussions between Medina Highlands and the ratepayers, it now appears that a more formalized mediation would be a more efficient and effective way of attempting to reach an agreed settlement.
- 2. The undersigned counsel for Medina Highlands has conferred with all Parties who are all agreeable to referring this case to mediation. However, in order to avoid delays in the current procedural schedule and in order to minimize rate case expenses, any such mediation should take place in advance of the March 7, 2023 deadline for Medina Highlands to file its direct testimony.
- 3. Accordingly, Medina Highlands requests that a SOAH mediator be assigned and that a Zoom mediation be scheduled and conducted on one day during the weeks of February 20 or February 27, 2023.
- 4. The undersigned counsel for Medina Highlands has conferred with counsel or representatives of all Parties, including OPUC, and all Parties have stated that they are unopposed to the filing of this motion to refer the case to mediation.

Respectfully submitted,

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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

The undersigned hereby certifies 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 16, 2023 in accordance with the Order Suspending Rules issued in Project No. 50664.

/s/ Stephen C. Dickman