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JACOB AND JENNIE HILBIG’S	§	PUBLIC UTILITY COMMISSION
APPEAL OF THE COST OF	§	
OBTAINING SERVICE FROM AQUA	§	OF TEXAS
WATER SUPPLY CORPORATION	§	

**COMMISSION STAFF’S REQUEST FOR HEARING AND REFFERAL TO THE
STATE OFFICE OF ADMINISTRATIVE HEARINGS**

On February 3, 2022, Jacob and Jennie Hilbig (Appellants) filed an appeal of the cost of obtaining service from Aqua Water Supply Corporation under Texas Water Code § 13.043(g) and 16 Texas Administrative Code § 24.101(g).

On June 9, 2022, the administrative law judge (ALJ) filed Order No. 5, requiring Staff (Staff) of the Public Utility Commission (Commission) to file a final recommendation on the petition or to request a hearing by July 11, 2022. Therefore, this pleading is timely filed.

I. REQUEST FOR REFFERAL

Based upon the filings of both parties, there are unresolved questions of fact regarding the cost estimate given to the Appellants and an evidentiary record needs to be developed. Accordingly, Staff respectfully requests that this case be referred to the State Office of Administrative Hearings (SOAH) for a hearing on the merits.

II. CONCLUSION

For the reasons detailed above, Staff respectfully recommends that an order be issued referring the case to SOAH for a hearing on the merits.

Date: July 11, 2022

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 July 11, 2022, in accordance with the Order Suspending Rules, issued in Project No. 50664.

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