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LESLIE MCFARLAND AND BILLY	§	PUBLIC UTILITY COMMISSION
GRANTHAM'S APPEAL OF THE COST	§	
OBTAINING SERVICE FROM	§	OF TEXAS
PARKER WATER SUPPLY	§	
CORPORATION	§	

**COMMISSION STAFF'S REQUEST FOR HEARING AND REFERRAL TO THE
STATE OFFICE OF ADMINISTRATIVE HEARINGS**

On April 13, 2022, Leslie McFarland and Billy Grantham (Appellants) filed an appeal of the cost of obtaining service from Parker Water Supply Corporation (Parker WSC) under Texas Water Code (TWC) § 13.043(g) and 16 Texas Administrative Code (TAC) § 24.101(g).

On July 15, 2022, the administrative law judge (ALJ) filed Order No. 4, requiring the Staff (Staff) of the Public Utility Commission of Texas (Commission) to file its final recommendation on the appeal or to request a hearing August 22, 2022. Therefore, this pleading is timely filed.

I. REQUEST FOR REFERRAL

Based upon the filings of both parties, there are unresolved questions of fact regarding the cost estimate given to 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.

Dated: August 22, 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 August 22, 2022, in accordance with the Order Suspending Rules, issued in Project No. 50664.

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