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PETITION BY RATEPAYERS	§	PUBLIC UTILITY COMMISSION
APPEALING THE WATER AND	§	
WASTEWATER RATES ESTABLISHED	§	OF TEXAS
BY THE CITY OF ROCKPORT	§	

COMMISSION STAFF’S REQUEST FOR EXTENSION

I. INTRODUCTION

On December 4, 2023, ratepayers of the City of Rockport (the Petitioners) filed a petition appealing the City of Rockport's (the City) water and wastewater rates under Texas Water Code (TWC) § 13.043(b).

On December 5, 2023, the administrative law judge (ALJ) filed Order No. 1, directing the Staff (Staff) of the Public Utility Commission of Texas (Commission) to file comments on the administrative completeness of the petition by December 27, 2023. The ALJ also required the Petitioners, the City, and Staff to confer and file comments on how this proceeding should be processed and propose a procedural schedule. Therefore, this pleading is timely filed.

II. REQUEST FOR EXTENSION

Under 16 Texas Administrative Code § 22.4(b), a party may request that the time allowed for filing any documents be extended for good cause. On December 20, 2023, the Petitioners filed Ordinance Nos. 1920 and 1921 that were approved, passed, and adopted by the City on December 13, 2023, repealing the water and wastewater rate increases and indicating that refunds shall be made by the City to affected ratepayers on the next applicable water bills or in any other manner adequate in law as determined by the City Manager. Based on the foregoing, Staff requires time to confer with the parties to determine how to proceed and examine the best way to oversee the refund. Therefore, Staff respectfully requests an extension of time until January 10, 2024 to file comments on how this proceeding should be processed. Staff conferred with both parties who are unopposed to the extension.

III. CONCLUSION

Staff respectfully requests the entry of an order extending Staff’s deadline to January 10, 2024 to file comments on how this proceeding should be processed.

Dated: December 27, 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 will be provided to all parties of record via electronic mail on December 27, 2023, in accordance with the Second Order Suspending Rules, filed in Project No. 50664.

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