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<b>RATEPAYERS' APPEAL OF THE</b>	<b>§</b>	<b>PUBLIC UTILITY COMMISSION</b>
<b>DECISION BY LEROY-TOURS-</b>	<b>§</b>	
<b>GERALD WATER SUPPLY</b>	<b>§</b>	<b>OF TEXAS</b>
<b>CORPORATION TO CHANGE RATES</b>	<b>§</b>	

**COMMISSION STAFF'S REQUEST FOR REFERRAL TO SOAH**

On May 14, 2024, ratepayers of Leroy-Tours-Gerald Water Supply Corporation (Leroy-Tours-Gerald WSC) filed an appeal of the decision by Leroy-Tours-Gerald WSC's board of directors to change water rates under Texas Water Code § 13.043(b)(1) and 16 Texas Administrative Code § 24.101(c)(1).

On August 6, 2024, the administrative law judge filed Order No. 5, directing the Staff (Staff) of the Public Utility Commission of Texas to file a final recommendation on the petition or to request a hearing by August 20, 2024. Therefore, this pleading is timely filed.

**I. REQUEST FOR REFERRAL**

Staff has reviewed the petition and believes there are questions of fact and law that require the further development of an evidentiary record. Therefore, Staff recommends that this proceeding 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 requests that this docket be referred to SOAH.

Dated: August 20, 2024

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 will be provided to all parties of record via electronic mail on August 20, 2024, in accordance with the Second Order Suspending Rules, filed in Project No. 50664.

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