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OF TEXAS

COMMISSION STAFF'S FIRST REQUEST FOR INFORMATION TO AQUA TEXAS, INC. QUESTION NOS. STAFF 1-1 THROUGH STAFF 1-6

Pursuant to 16 Texas Administrative Code (TAC) § 22.144 of the Commission's Procedural Rules, the Staff (Staff) of the Public Utility Commission of Texas (Commission) requests that Aqua Texas, Inc. by and through its representative of record, provide the following information and answer the following questions under oath. The questions shall be answered in sufficient detail to fully present all of the relevant facts, within the time limit provided by the Presiding Officer or within 20 days if the Presiding Officer has not provided a time limit. Please copy the question immediately above the answer to each question. These questions are continuing in nature, and if there is a relevant change in circumstances, submit an amended answer, under oath, as a supplement to your original answer. State the name of the witness in this cause who will sponsor the answer to the question and can vouch for the truth of the answer.

Provide responses to the Requests for Information by filing with the Commission solely through the Interchange on the Commission's website and provide notice, by email, to all other parties that the pleading or document has been filed with the Commission, unless otherwise ordered by the presiding officer pursuant to the Second Order Suspending Rules in Project No. 50664.

Dated: June 3, 2025

Respectfully submitted,

PUBLIC UTILITY COMMISSION OF TEXAS LEGAL DIVISION

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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 June 3, 2025, in accordance with the Second Order Suspending Rules, filed in Project No. 50664.

<u>/s/ Kelsey Daugherty</u> Kelsey Daugherty

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DEFINITIONS

- "Aqua" or "you" refers to that Aqua Texas, Inc. and any person acting or purporting to act on their behalf, including without limitation, attorneys, agents, advisors, investigators, representatives, employees, or other persons.
- 2) "Document" includes any written, recorded, or graphic matter, however produced or reproduced, including but not limited to correspondence, telegrams, contracts, agreements, notes in any form, memoranda, diaries, voice recording tapes, microfilms, pictures, computer media, work papers, calendars, minutes of meetings or other writings or graphic matter, including copies containing marginal notes or variations of any of the foregoing, now or previously in your possession. In the event any documents requested by this Request for Information have been transferred beyond your control, describe the circumstances under which the document was destroyed or transferred and provide an exact citation to the subject document. In the event that documents containing the exact information, or which contain substantially similar information, then the definition of "documents" shall include the documents which do exist, and these documents will be provided.

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INSTRUCTIONS

- Pursuant to 16 TAC § 22.144(c)(2), Staff requests that answers to the requests for information be made under oath.
- Please copy the question immediately above the answer to each question. State the name of the witness in this cause who will sponsor the answer to the question and can vouch for the truth of the answer.
- These questions are continuing in nature, and if there is a relevant change in circumstances, submit an amended answer, under oath, as a supplement to your original answer.
- 4) Words used in the plural shall also be taken to mean and include the singular. Words used in the singular shall also be taken to mean and include the plural.
- 5) The present tense shall be construed to include the past tense, and the past tense shall be construed to include the present tense.
- 6) If any document is withheld under any claim of privilege, please furnish a list identifying each document for which a privilege is claimed, together with the following information: date, sender, recipients or copies, subject matter of the document, and the basis upon which such privilege is claimed.
- 7) Pursuant to 16 TAC § 22.144(h)(4), if the response to any request is voluminous, please provide a detailed index of the voluminous material.
- Staff requests that each item of information be made available as it is completed, rather than upon completion of all information requested.

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Please reference the final order in SOAH Docket No. 473-24-15740.WS

- Staff 1-1 Please refer to Exhibit A. Please explain why "Additional RAF collected on Amended SICs", \$45,495.77 was not included in the "Sum of Credits Issued" column. The column heading indicates that "add'l RAF collected" was included in the formula or total.
- Staff 1-2 Please provide an electronic copy of Exhibit A.
- Staff 1-3Please provide by Public Water System Identification Number (PWSID) number
and region totals collected and refunded for the system improvement charges (SIC).
The presentation should be broken down into same columns or categories in Exhibit
A.
- Staff 1-4 Please provide by region and PWSID summary sheets from the billing system showing credits refunded to customers during their billing cycle.
- Staff 1-5 Please provide totals by category (Amended SIC, Interest on Amended SIC, Add'l RAF collected on Amended SIC, and Interest on additional RAF collected on Amended SIC) refunds given for the different billing cycles.
- **Staff 1-6** Please explain whether Aqua provided the refunds to customers over one billing cycle. Please specify all the billing cycles possible for the refunds.