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§ Docket No. SDWA-06-2022-1215
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§ Proceeding to Assess a Civil Penalty
§ Under Section 1414g-3(g)(3) of The
§ Safe Drinking Water Act
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COMPLAINANT'S AND RESPONDENT'S JOINT MOTION FOR EXTENSION TO ANSWER AND REQUEST A HEARING

The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, Region 6 ("Complainant") and Prairie Hill Water Supply Corporation ("Respondent") (referred to as the "Parties") respectfully request that the Regional Judicial Officer grant an extension for Respondent to answer regarding the Administrative Complaint and to request a hearing. Complainant issued an Administrative Complaint against Respondent on December 11, 2021, and the Parties request for the reasons specified below:

- The Parties have engaged in substantive discussions regarding the Administrative Complaint.
- 2. Respondent has begun a pilot study at its public water system to determine the effectiveness of a filtration system to address alleged Safe Drinking Water Act violations. The pilot study will last 30 days and is under the supervision of the Texas Commission of Environmental Quality (TCEQ). Once the pilot study is concluded, Respondent and TCEQ will be able to determine whether the filtration system will be used be installed at its public water system. If the filtration

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system is approved by TCEQ, Respondent will then seek funding for the installation of the filtration system.

3. The requested extension is not sought for the purpose of delay, but rather for the purpose of seeking a settlement to avoid the expense and time associated with administrative litigation.

FOR THESE REASONS, Complainant and Respondent respectfully request that this Motion be granted and that the Respondent deadline to file an answer and request a hearing be extended to May 15, 2022.

Respectfully Submitted,

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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I certify that the original of the foregoing Joint Motion for Extension to Answer and Request a Hearing was electronically transmitted and filed with the Regional Hearing Clerk, U.S. EPA Region 6, 1201 Elm Street, Suite 500, Dallas, Texas 75270-2101, and true and correct copies were sent to the following persons in the manner specified on the date below:

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