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| AND AMENDMENT OF PERMITS | § | Or |
| WDW423 & WDW424 | § | ADMINISTRATIVE HEARINGS |

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPLY TO EXCEPTIONS TO THE PROPOSAL FOR DECISION

TO THE COMMISSIONERS OF THE TEXAS COMMISSION ON ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY: The Executive Director of the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality (the Commission or TCEQ) files her Reply to Exceptions to the Proposal for Decision on the application by Uranium Energy Corp. (UEC or Applicant) for renewal and amendment of Class I injection well permits WDW423 and WDW424. The Executive Director continues to recommend that the commission make findings and conclusions that UEC has met its burden of proof on all issues and that the final draft permits be granted.

The Executive Director contends that the record of the hearing supports findings of fact to approve the application and recommends that Findings of Facts Nos. 26, 27, 28, 38, 41, 42, 43, 44, 45, 46, 47, 50, 51, 52, 53, 54, 55, 56, and 57 as presented in the Proposal for Decision be revised. The Executive Director supports all of the revised Findings of Fact as presented by UEC in its Exceptions to the Proposal for Decision and recommends the adoption of the alternative to Finding of Fact No. 38 presented at the bottom of page 24 of its Exceptions brief. Similarly, the Executive Director recommends that Conclusions of Law Nos. 8, 10, 12, 15, 16, 17, 19, 22, and 26 as presented in the Proposal for Decision be revised. The Executive Director supports all of the revised and proposed new Conclusions of Law as presented by UEC in its Exceptions to the Proposal for Decision and recommends the adoption of the alternative to Conclusion of Law No. 12 presented at the bottom of page 26 of its Exceptions brief. And finally, the Executive Director recommends that the ordering provisions of the draft order be revised to approve the application and issuance of the permits WDW423 and WDW424. The Executive Director supports the revision to ordering provision No. 1 as presented by UEC in its Exceptions brief on page 43.

Respectfully submitted,

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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I hereby certify that on May 10, 2024, the "Executive Director's Reply to Exceptions to the Proposal for Decision" was filed with the State Office of Administrative Hearings and the TCEQ Office of the Chief Clerk and served electronically to the parties listed in the attached Service List.

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