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House Bill (HB) 1600 and Senate Bill (SB) 567 83rd Legislature, Regular Session, transferred the functions relating to the economic regulation of water and sewer utilities from the TCEQ to the PUC effective September 1, 2014.



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SOAH Docket No. 582-08-2284; TCEQ Docket No. 2008-0333-UCR; Double Diamond Utilities, Co. Application to Decertify a Portion of Certificate of RE: Convenience and Necessity (CCN) No. 12362 from Northwest Grayson County WCID No. 1 and to Amend CCN No. 12087 in Grayson County; Application No. 35903-C

Dear Judge Egan:

Enclosed please find a Motion to Abate Proceedings for filing in the above-referenced proceeding.

Please let me know if you have any questions. Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Sincerely,

Ali Abazari

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DOUBLE DIAMOND UTILITIES CO. APPLICATION TO DECERTIFY A PORTION OF CERTIFICATE OF CONVENIENCE (CCN) NO. 12362 FROM	9999	BEFORE CHEF CLERKS OFFICE
		STATE OFFICE OF
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MOTION TO ABATE PROCEEDINGS

TO THE HONORABLE ADMINISTRATIVE LAW JUDGE:

Double Diamond Utilities Co. ("DDU") files this Motion to Abate Proceedings requesting that the honorable Administrative Law Judge ("ALJ") abate this contested case proceeding for six (6) months, until December 21, 2009, and in support state as follows:

A preliminary hearing in the above-captioned matter was held on May 8, 2008. In Order Number 1, the ALJ memorialized the preliminary hearing in which she took jurisdiction; designated parties; and established a procedural schedule. On August 13, 2008, DDU and Northwest Grayson County WCID No. 1 (the "District") filed a joint motion to abate this proceeding, and all related deadlines, for sixty (60) days. The basis for the request was that Double Diamond, Inc., the owner of the property that is the subject of this decertification proceeding, filed a lawsuit on July 9, 2008 against the District in Grayson County, Texas concerning the legality of certain fees assessed by the District for the provision of water service (the "Lawsuit"). DDU asserted that the facts and legal issues that are at the center of the Lawsuit are relevant to this administrative proceeding. On August 22, 2008, the ALJ granted the joint motion. After the filing of several status reports and requests for extension of the abatement period, on January 9, 2009, the ALJ issued Order No. 5, abating the matter until June 21, 2009.

The Lawsuit is currently pending at the District Court of Grayson County, 59th Judicial District. DDU continues to believe that the Lawsuit involves facts and legal issues that are relevant to this administrative proceeding, thus warranting an extension of the abatement period. Counsel for DDU has spoken with counsel for the District, the Executive Director and Office of Public Interest Counsel and they have indicated that they are not opposed to abatement of the proceedings. DDU respectfully requests that the ALJ abate these proceedings for six months. DDU will notify the ALJ if the Lawsuit gets resolved prior to the expiration of the six month abatement period, should this motion be granted.

WHEREFORE, Double Diamond Utilities Co. respectfully prays that the ALJ grant this Motion to Abate Proceedings and abate this case for six (6) months, until December 21, 2009.

Respectfully submitted,

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CERTIFICATE OF CONFERENCE

I hereby certify that I have conferred with counsel for the District, the Executive Director of the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality and Office of Public Interest Counsel and all parties have indicated that they are unopposed to this Motion.

Certified this 22nd day of June, 2009.

CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

This is to certify that on this 22nd day of June, 2009, a true and correct copy of the foregoing document was served on the following parties as indicated below:

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