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APPLICATION OF AQUA UTILITIES,	§	PUBLIC UTILITY COMMISSION
INC. AND AQUA TEXAS, INC. D/B/A	§	2017 APR 13 AM 9: 49
AQUA TEXAS FOR SALE, TRANSFER,	§	
OR MERGER OF FACILITIES AND TO	§	PUBLIC UTILITY COMMISSION OF TEXAS FILING CLERK
AMEND CERTIFICATES OF	§	OF TEXAS
CONVENIENCE AND NECESSITY IN	§	
CHAMBERS, JEFFERSON, AND	§	
LIBERTY COUNTIES (GRAY UTILITY	§	
SERVICE WATER SYSTEM; 37943-S)	§	

### **COMMISSION STAFF'S CLARIFICATION**

**COMES NOW** the Staff (Staff) of the Public Utility Commission of Texas (Commission), representing the public interest, and files this Clarification. In support thereof, Staff shows the following:

### I. BACKGROUND

On June 4, 2014, Aqua Utilities, Inc. dba Aqua Texas (Seller or Aqua Utilities) and Aqua Texas dba Aqua Texas Inc. (Buyer or Aqua Texas) (collectively, Applicants) submitted an application with the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality (TCEQ) to transfer portions of water service areas and water system assets held by Aqua Utilities CCN No. 11157 to Aqua Texas CCN No. 13203 in Chambers, Jefferson and Liberty Counties pursuant to Tex. Water Code Ann. § 13.301 and Title 16, Tex. Admin. Code (16 TAC) §§ 24.109 and 24.112.

On April 10, 2017, the Administrative Law Judge issued Order No. 19 requiring Staff to clarify and confirm the public water systems (PWS) that are included in this application by April 17, 2017. Accordingly, this pleading is timely filed.

### II. STAFF'S RECOMMENDATION

As supported by the attached memorandum from Debbie Reyes Tamayo, Program Specialist with the Water Utility Regulation Division, Staff clarifies and confirms the following:

- Towering Oaks I Subdivision, PWS No. 1460145, is a part of the transfer and was mistakenly left out of the final recommendation.
- The correct PWS ID number for Oak Meadows II Subdivision is 1460096.
- The correct PWS ID number for Oak Meadows III Subdivision is 1460100.
- Icet Cove was referenced in this application at the Applicants' request to identify service area that is part of the transfer. Icet Cove has also been referenced in previous applications and it would be consistent to reference it in this application as well. Icet

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Cove is additional service area that is part of the transfer without PWS facilities yet and without an associated PWS ID number.

# The following PWS are included in this application:

PWS#	TCEQ System Name	SUBDIVISION/ AREA SERVED	COUNTY	RATE REGION
0360005	Gray Utility Service	Cove at Cotton Creek Creekside at Cotton Creek Cotton Creek Gas Station Icet Cove Joseph's Cove Lanai Maley Woods Strip Center Commercial Development The Veranda Travel Park	Chambers	SE/Gray
0360081	Leaning Oaks Water Association	Leaning Oaks Water Association	Chambers, Liberty	SE/Gray
0360084	Trinity Cove Subdivision	Trinity Cove	Chambers	SE/Gray
0360093	Carriage Trail Subdivision	Carriage Trail	Chambers	SE/Gray
0360100	Hackberry Creek Subdivision	Hackberry Creek	Chambers	SE/Gray
***0360122	Barrow Ranch	Barrow Ranch Barrow Ranch Estates Legends Bay Southwind	Chambers	SE/Gray
1230083	Sunchase Subdivision	South Fork Sunchase Estates	Jefferson	SE/Gray
1460096	Oak Meadows II Subdivision	Oak Meadows II	Liberty	SE/Gray
1460100	Oak Meadows III Subdivision	Oak Meadows III	Liberty	SE/Gray
1460137	Webb Way Subdivision	Webb Way	Liberty	· SE/Gray
1460145	Towering Oaks I	Towering Oaks I Towering Oaks II Cedar Lane	Liberty	SE/Gray

**Dated: April 13, 2017** 

Respectfully Submitted,

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### **CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE**

I certify that a copy of this document will be served on all parties of record on April 13, 2017, in accordance with 16 TAC § 22.74.

Ralph J. Daigneault

## **PUC Interoffice Memorandum**

To: Ralph Daigneault, Attorney

Legal Division

Thru: Tammy Benter, Director

Lisa Fuentes, Manager Water Utilities Division

From: Debbie Reyes Tamayo, Program Specialist

Water Utilities Division

**Date:** April 13, 2017

Subject: Docket No. 42958; Application of Aqua Utilities, Inc. and Aqua Texas, Inc. d/b/a

Aqua Texas for Sale, Transfer and Merger of Facilities and to Amend Certificates of Convenience and Necessity (CCN) in Chambers, Jefferson and Liberty Counties

(37943-S)

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