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APPLICATION OF THE CITY OF EAST TAWAKONI FOR A CERTIFICATE OF CONVENIENCE AND NECESSITY IN RAINS AND HUNT COUNTIES (37869-C) PUBLIC UTILITY COMMISSION
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#### NOTICE OF APPROVAL

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This Notice addresses the application of the City of East Tawakoni (East Tawakoni) for approval of an application to obtain a water Certificate of Convenience and Necessity (CCN) in Hunt and Rains Counties. Public Utility Commission of Texas (Commission) Staff recommended approval of the application, as amended. Consistent with Commission Staff's recommendation, the application, as amended, is approved.

The Commission adopts the following findings of fact and conclusions of law:

#### I. Findings of Fact

- 1. On November 8, 2013, East Tawakoni filed an application with the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality (TCEQ) to obtain a water CCN for area in Hunt and Rains Counties.
- 2. On September 1, 2014, functions relating to the economic regulation of water and sewer utilities were transferred from the TCEQ to the Commission.
- 3. On October 27, 2014, East Tawakoni separately filed amendments to the application and affidavits and notices. On the same date, interoffice memoranda from TCEQ and the Texas Municipal Advisory Report were also filed.
- 4. On December 17, 2014, the Commission's Administrative Law Judge (ALJ) issued Order No. 3, requiring Commission Staff to file an update on the status of the proceeding and propose a procedural schedule by January 16, 2015.
- 5. On January 16, 2015 Commission Staff responded to Order No. 3, recommending the preparation of maps and CCN certificate for East Tawakoni's review and proposing a procedural schedule.

- 6. On January 16, 2015, the Commission's ALJ issued Order No. 4, establishing a procedural schedule for the map preparation and CCN certificate, followed by submission of a consent form to East Tawakoni, and requiring a recommendation on final disposition from Commission Staff.
- 7. On March 11, 2015, East Tawakoni filed signed consent forms confirming the map and water CCN prepared by Commission Staff.
- 8. The map and water CCN referenced in Finding of Fact No. 7, above, are attached to this Order as Attachments 1 and 2.
- 9. On March 13, 2015, Commission Staff recommended that East Tawakoni's application, as amended, be approved.
- 10. No requests to intervene or requests for hearing were filed in this proceeding; therefore no hearing was necessary.
- 11. East Tawakoni and Commission Staff are the only parties to this proceeding.
- 12. Consistent with Commission Staff's recommendation, East Tawakoni's request for a water CCN is reasonable, consistent with the public interest, and should be approved.
- 13. On March 31, 2015, the Commission's ALJ issued Order No. 5, admitting evidence into the record of this proceeding.

#### II. Conclusions of Law

- 1. East Tawakoni is a retail public utility as defined in Tex. WATER CODE §13.002(19).
- 2. The Commission has jurisdiction and authority over this docket pursuant to the TEX. WATER CODE §§ 13.041, 13.241, 13.244, 13.246 and P.U.C. SUBST. R. 24.101-24.107.
- 3. Notice of this application was provided as required by TEX. WATER CODE § 13.246 and P.U.C. SUBST. R. 24.106.
- 4. The application was processed in accordance with the requirements of Tex. WATER CODE § 13.244 and P.U.C. SUBST. R. 24.102 and 24.105.
- 5. The application, as amended, meets the requirements set forth in Tex. WATER CODE §§ 13.041, 13.241, 13.244, 13.246 and P.U.C. SUBST. R. 24.101-24.107.

- 6. East Tawakoni has demonstrated adequate financial, managerial, and technical capability for providing continuous and adequate service to the CCN area requested in the application pursuant to Tex. Water Code § 13.241(a) and P.U.C. Subst. R. 24.102.
- 7. Approval of the application is necessary for the service, accommodation, convenience and safety of the public as required by Tex. WATER CODE § 13.246(b) and P.U.C. SUBST. R. 24.102.
- 8. The requirements for informal disposition pursuant to P.U.C. PROC. R. 22.35 have been met in this proceeding.

#### III. Ordering Paragraphs

In accordance with these findings of fact and conclusions of law, the Commission issues the following Order:

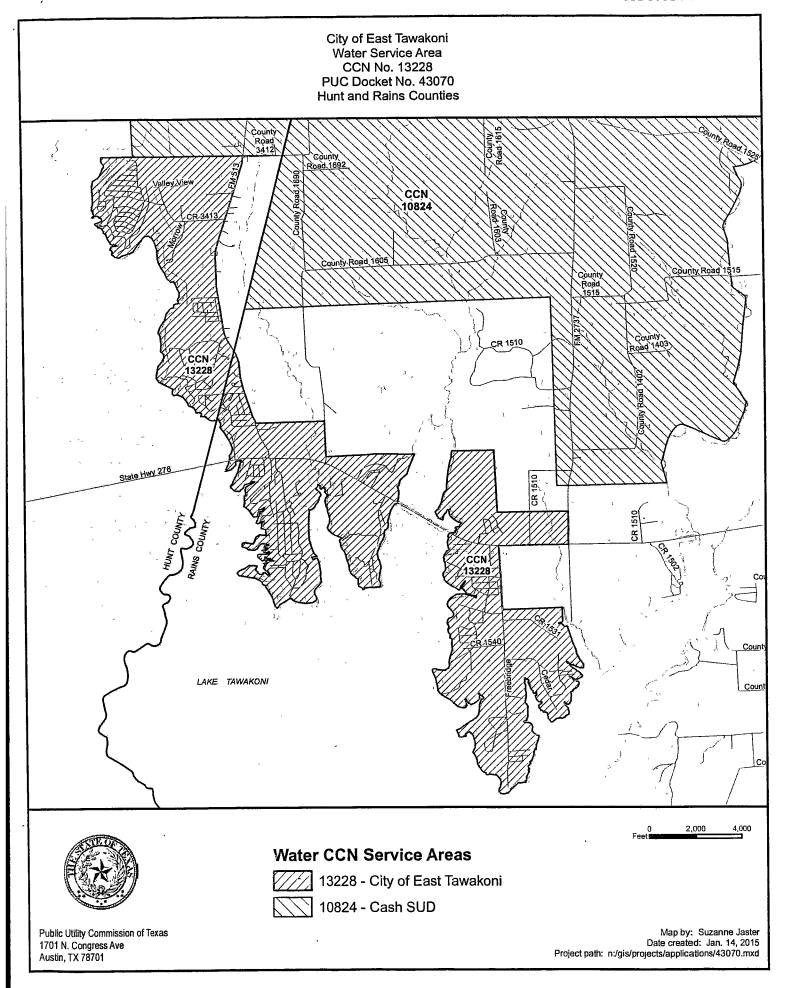
- 1. The application of East Tawakoni, as amended, is approved.
- 2. East Tawakoni is assigned CCN No. 13228, Attachment 2, in Hunt and Rains Counties as designated on the map attached to this Notice as Attachment 1.
- 3. East Tawakoni shall serve every customer and applicant for service within the areas certified under CCN No. 13228, and such service shall be continuous and adequate.
- 4. All other motions, requests for entry of specific findings of fact or conclusions of law, and any other requests for general or specific relief, if not expressly granted herein, are denied.

SIGNED AT AUSTIN, TEXAS the 15th day of April 2015.

**PUBLIC UTILITY COMMISSION OF TEXAS** 

IRENE MONTELONGO

DIRECTOR, DOCKET MANAGEMENT





# Public Utility Commission of Texas

## By These Presents Be It Known To All That City of East Tawakoni

having duly applied for certification to provide water utility service for the convenience and necessity of the public, and it having been determined by this Commission that the public convenience and necessity would in fact be advanced by the provision of such service by this Applicant, is entitled to and is hereby granted this

### Certificate of Convenience and Necessity No. 13228

to provide continuous and adequate water utility service to that service area or those service areas in Rains and Hunt County as by final Order or Orders duly entered by this Commission, which Order or Orders resulting from Docket No. 43070 are on file at the Commission offices in Austin, Texas; and are a matter of official record available for public inspection; and be it known further that these presents do evidence the authority and the duty City of East Tawakoni to provide such utility service in accordance with the laws of this State and Rules of this Commission, subject only to any power and responsibility of this Commission to revoke or amend this Certificate in whole or in part upon a subsequent showing that the public convenience and necessity would be better served thereby.