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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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APPLICATION OF THE CITY OF ROYSE CITY TO AMEND WATER CERTIFICATE OF CONVENIENCE AND NECESSITY (CCN) NO. 12827 AND TO OBTAIN A SEWER CCN IN COLLIN COUNTY, TEXAS APPLICATION NOS. 34270-C AND 34277-C AND

APPLICATION OF VERANDAH COMMUNITIES, L.P., TO OBTAIN A SEWER CCN IN HUNT AND ROCKWALL COUNTIES, TEXAS, APPLICATION NO. 34267-C

APPLICATION OF PARKER CREEK ESTATES, L.P. TO OBTAIN A WATER AND SEWER CCN IN ROCKWALL COUNTY, TEXAS, APPLICATION NOS. 34297-C AND 34301-C PUBLIC UTILITY COMMISSIC

BEFORE THE

STATE OFFICE OF

ADMINISTRATIVE HEARINGS

MOTION TO CONSOLIDATE JURISDICTIONAL HEARINGS

TO THE HONORABLE ADMINISTRATIVE LAW JUDGE:

COMES NOW, the City of Royse City, Texas ("Royse City") and files this Motion to Consolidate Jurisdictional Hearings and in support thereof would show the following:

I. Factual Background

Royse City and Verandah Communities, L.P. have filed competing certificate of convenience and necessity ("CCN") applications for portions of the same service territory which is the subject of the first two styled cases above. Parker Creek Estates, L.P. has

also filed a competing CCN application for a portion of the same service territory for which Royse City has protested and requested a public hearing. The Verandah Communities and Royse City applications were consolidated and set for a preliminary hearing on December 2, 2003. Due to a scheduling conflict with Verandah Communities' counsel, the jurisdictional hearing in the Verandah Communities and Royse City applications was moved to January 5, 2003. A copy of Order No. 1 in said docket is attached hereto as Exhibit A.

Royse City received from the Chief Clerk of the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality a notice of Parker Creek Estates, L.P.'s jurisdictional hearing to be held on January 5, 2003. A telephone call to the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality docket clerk revealed that the Parker Creek Estates jurisdictional hearing is not consolidated with the Verandah Communities and Royse City applications. Thus, the State Office of Administrative Hearings will conduct a separate jurisdictional hearing for the Parker Creek Estates application. As Royse City will have two jurisdictional hearings on areas that are contained within its CCN application, Royse City asserts that the jurisdictional hearings in the above-styled cases should be consolidated.

II. Legal Argument

The Texas Commission on Environmental Quality allows that related cases or claims be consolidated if consolidation will not prejudice any party.¹ Royse City understands that Parker Creek Estates and Verandah Communities are represented by the same counsel. As both the Parker Creek Estates and Verandah Communities' CCN applications request area sought by Royse City's application, no prejudice will come to

30 TEX. ADMIN. CODE § 80.13.

any party if the jurisdictional hearings are consolidated. Further, judicial economy would dictate that the cases be consolidated.

If consolidation is not possible, Royse City requests in the alternative that the two jurisdictional hearings be set at different times on January 5, 2003, in order to allow Royse City the opportunity to appear at both hearings.

III. Prayer

For the above reasons, Royse City asks the Court that the jurisdictional hearings in the above-reference cases be consolidated or, in the alternative, set for different times. Royse City further prays for any such further relief to which it is justly entitled.

Respectfully submitted,

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I hereby certify that on this 3rd day of December, 2003, a true and correct copy of the foregoing document has been sent via facsimile, first class mail, or hand-delivered to the following counsel of record:

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APPLICATION OF THE CITY OF ROYCE CITY TO AMEND WATER CCN AND TO OBTAIN SEWER CCN IN COLLIN, ROCKWALL, AND HUNT COUNTIES

BEFORE THE STATE OFFICE OF ADMINISTRATIVE HEARINGS

APPLICATION OF VERANDAH COMMUNITIES, LP TO OBTAIN SEWER CCN IN HUNT AND ROCKWALL COUNTIES

ORDER NO. 1

GRANTING MOTION TO RESET PRELIMINARY HEARING

On October 3, 2003, Verandah Communities, LP (Verandah) filed a motion, which it served on the City of Royce City, the Executive Director (BD), and the Public Interest Counsel (PIC), to move the date of the scheduled preliminary hearing from December 2, 3003, to a date during the first three weeks of January 2004. Verandah's counsel has a scheduling conflict. Royce City does not object to the motion, and the statutory Parties have not timely filed an objection to it.

The motion is granted. The preliminary hearing concerning these Applications will be held beginning at 10:00 a.m., January 5, 2004, at the William P. Clements Office Building, Fourth Floor, 300 West 15th Street, Austin, Texas. The Applicants and the ED shall work with the Commission's Chief Clerk to ensure t at all required notice of the new preliminary hearing date is given.

Signed October 9, 2003.

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William G. Newchurch Administrative Law Judge State Office of Administrative Hearings

Exhibit A

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STYLE/CASE: CITY OF ROYSE CITY

SOAH DOCKET NUMBER: 582-04-0253 TCEQ DOCKET NUMBERS: 2003-0737-UCR & 2003-0738-UCR

ADMINISTRATIVE COURT

STATE OFFICE OF ADMINISTRATIVE HEARINGS WILLIAM G. NEWCHURCH PRESIDING ADMINISTRATIVE LAW JUDGE

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