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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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Texas Commission on Environmental Quality

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SOAH DOCKET NO. 582-02-2288 TCEQ DOCKET NO. 2001-1047-UCR APPLICATION NO. 33618-C

IN THE MATTER OF THE	§	BEFORE THE
APPLICATION OF THE CITY OF	§	
DRIPPING SPRINGS TO OBTAIN A	§	TEXAS COMMISSION ON
SEWER CERTIFICATE OF	§	
CONVENIENCE AND NECESSITY IN	§	ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY
HAYS COUNTY, TEXAS	§	
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ORDER

An application by the City of Dripping Springs ("Dripping Springs") to obtain a Certificate of Convenience and Necessity ("CCN") to provide sewer service in Hays County, Texas was presented to the Executive Director of the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality ("Commission") for approval pursuant to Section 5.122 of the Texas Water Code ("Code") and Commission rules.

Dripping Springs wants to provide sewer service in Hays County, Texas, and to become a retail public utility as defined in Section 13.002(19) of the Code.

On September 20, 2001, Dripping Springs filed an application with the Commission pursuant to Section 13.241 et. seq. of the Code to obtain a sewer CCN to provide sewer service in Hays County, Texas. The application was accepted for filing and it was assigned Application No. 33618-C. Notice was provided to affected persons and neighboring utilities by Dripping Springs on

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November 15, 2001. Notice of the application was published on November 15, 2001, and November 22, 2001, in <u>The News Dispatch</u>, a newspaper generally circulated in Hays County, Texas. The notice to obtain a CCN by Dripping Springs complied with the notice requirements of 30 Texas Administrative Code ("TAC") Section 291.106 and was sufficient to place affected persons on notice regarding the application for service. The Commission received a request for a public hearing on the application from Dripping Springs Water Supply Corporation.

On May 16, 2002, Tommy L. Broyles, an administrative law judge with the State Office of Administrative Hearings ("SOAH"), conducted a preliminary hearing, assumed jurisdiction, and designated the following parties: the City of Dripping Springs represented by Susan G. Zachos; the Executive Director ("ED") represented by Lara K. Nehman; the Public Interest Counsel ("PIC") Blas Coy who did not appear; and Dripping Springs Water Supply Corporation ("Corporation") represented by Shelly Stone Eversole and Philip S. Haag. All parties requested a 30 day continuance of the proceeding to allow time for settlement negotiations. Judge Broyles granted the request and ordered the parties to file a status report by June 17, 2002.

The parties filed their status report on June 17, 2002, indicating that the City of Dripping Springs and the Corporation had executed a settlement agreement calling for the Corporation to withdraw its protest of the application.

On September 3, 2002, the Corporation filed a Motion to Withdraw Protest on the basis of the settlement, stating all issues in dispute with the City of Dripping Springs on the application had been resolved. Judge Broyles granted the motion on November 5, 2002, dismissed the case from the SOAH docket, and remanded the application to the Executive Director for processing as an uncontested matter.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDERED BY THE TEXAS COMMISSION ON ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY that:

The application by the City of Dripping Springs for a Certificate of Convenience and Necessity as reflected in the attached copy of official sewer service area map of Hays County, Texas, is hereby approved.

The Chief Clerk of the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality shall forward a copy of this Order to the parties, and the Commission will issue a Certificate of Convenience and Necessity to the applicant.

If any provision, sentence, clause, or phrase of this Order is for any reason held to be invalid, the invalidity of any portion shall not affect the validity of the remaining portions of the Order.

Issue Date:

JAN 20 2005

TEXAS COMMISSION ON ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY

For the Commission



Texas Commission On Environmental Quality

By These Presents Be It Known To All That

City of Dripping Springs

having duly applied for certification to provide sewer 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. 20967

to provide continuous and adequate sewer utility service to that service area or those service areas in Hays County as by final Order or Orders duly entered by this Commission, which Order or Orders resulting from Application No. 33618-C are on file at the Commission offices in Austin, Texas; and are matters of official record available for public inspection; and be it known further that these presents do evidence the authority and the duty of the City of Dripping Springs 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.

Issued at Austin, Texas, this	JAN 20 2005

For the Commission



