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COMMISSION STAFF'S RESPONSE TO APPLICANT'S RESPONSE TO ORDER NO. 4 AND REQUEST TO UNABATE DOCKET

Commission Staff (Staff) of the Public Utility Commission of Texas (Commission) files this Response to Applicant's Response to Order No. 4 and Request to Unabate Docket. In support of its Response, Staff states the following:

I. BACKGROUND

On November 19, 2014 Crystal Springs Water Company, Inc. (Crystal Springs or Company) filed with the Public Utility Commission of Texas (Commission) an application to amend its sewer certificate of convenience (CCN) No. 20782 in Montgomery County, Texas. The total area being requested includes approximately 316.288 acres and zero current customers.

On January 12, 2015, the ALJ issued Order No. 3 deeming the application not administratively complete and ordered the Applicant to cure the noted deficiencies. Order No. 3 also directed Staff to file a supplemental recommendation regarding administrative completeness of the amended application and notice by March 11, 2015. On March 11, 2015, Staff filed a supplemental recommendation regarding administrative completeness and found the application to be administratively complete pursuant to P.U.C. SUBST. R. 24.8(a), 24.105 and 24.106. Staff also requested the docket be abated until the Applicant could demonstrate that the Summary Transmittal Letter or plans and specs for the referenced wastewater treatment plant had been approved by the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality (TCEQ). On March 13, 2015, the ALJ issued Order No. 4 deeming the application administratively complete and abating the docket. On March 19, 2015, the Applicant replied to Order No. 4 and provided the Commission with a letter from the TCEQ stating that the project proposed in the summary transmittal letter is approved for construction and requested the docket be unabated.



II. STAFF'S RESPONSE TO REQUEST TO UNABATE DOCKET

Staff recommends that the letter provided on March 19, 2015 be found as an adequate demonstration that the Summary Transmittal Letter or plans and specs for the referenced wastewater treatment plant have been **approved** by the TCEQ.

III. PROPOSED PROCEDURAL SCHEDULE

At this time the Applicant has provided all documentation necessary for the further processing of the application and therefore, Staff proposes the following procedural schedule:

Event	Date
Notice Completed	January 24, 2015
Applicant to file affidavits of proof of notice	Completed February 24, 2015
Deadline for intervention; deadline for intervenors to file comments or request a hearing on the merits	February 24, 2015 – 30 days after publication of notice was completed.
Unabatement	
Staff to propose an additional procedural schedule, request a hearing, or file a final recommendation	June 29, 2015
Deadline for Applicant to request a hearing or respond to Staff's recommendation on final disposition; or if no disputed issues exist, deadline for parties to file proposed findings of fact, conclusions of law, and ordering paragraphs.	July 10, 2015

IV. CONCLUSION

Staff respectfully requests that the ALJ issue an Order consistent with this pleading and unabate this docket.

Date: March 23, 2015

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DOCKET NO. 43817 CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I certify that a copy of this document will be served on all parties of record on this the 23rd day of March, 2015, in accordance with P.U.C. Procedural Rule 22.74.

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