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**OF TEXAS** 

APPLICATION OF CRYSTAL § SPRINGS WATER COMPANY, INC. FOR AN AMENDMENT TO SEWER § § § CERTIFICATE OF CONVENIENCE AND NECESSITY IN MONTGOMERY **COUNTY** 

### COMMISSION STAFF'S RESPONSE TO ORDER NO. 1, COMMENTS ON ADMINISTRATIVE COMPLETENESS AND NOTICE AND PROPOSED PROCEDURAL SCHEDULE

Commission Staff (Staff) of the Public Utility Commission of Texas (Commission) files this Response to Order No. 1, Comments of Administrative Completeness and Notice and Proposed Procedural Schedule. In support of its Response, Staff states the following:

#### T. **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 November 21, 2014, Order No. 1 Requiring Comments on Administrative Completeness and Notice, Requesting Procedural Schedule, and Addressing Other Procedural Matters was issued requiring Staff to file a recommendation on the Application by December 8, 2014. On December 5, 2014, Commission Staff requested a good cause extension because additional time was needed to complete the mapping overlap check which allows Staff to determining whether the Applicant's proposed CCN area overlaps with other existing CCN areas and whether the Application has provided notice to the proper affected parties. On December 15, 2014, the Administrative Law Judge granted this motion and ordered Staff to file comments on the administrative completeness of the application and proposed notice and a proposed procedural schedule by January 9. 2015. Therefore, this Response is timely filed.

#### STAFF'S RECOMMENDATION ON THE NOTICE AND APPLICATIONS II.

As detailed in the attached memorandum of Debbie Reyes-Tamayo of the Commission's Water Utilities Division, Staff has reviewed the application and recommends that the application be found materially deficient pursuant to P.U.C. SUBST. R. 24.105 and 24.106. Staff has identified multiple mapping and related notice deficiencies in the application. P.U.C. SUBST. R. 24.8(a) provides that, if material deficiencies exist in a CCN application or notice, the application may be rejected. In order to cure the identified mapping deficiencies, Staff recommends the Applicant update the application as specified in the attached memoranda.

Pursuant to P.U.C. Subst. R. 24.8(a), the application is not considered filed until the Commission determines that the application and notice are both administratively complete. Staff has identified deficiencies in the application and, therefore, recommends that the application package be found **not administratively complete** pursuant to P.U.C. Subst. R. 24.105 and 24.106. At this time, Staff recommends that the application package be rejected pursuant to P.U.C. Subst. R. 24.8(a) until the deficiencies are cured and that the Applicant be given until February 20, 2015 to cure the identified deficiencies and submit a revised proposed notice.

#### III. PROPOSED PROCEDURAL SCHEDULE

As explained in the attached memoranda, Staff recommends that the application be found not administratively complete due to the identified deficiencies. Accordingly, Staff has not proposed a procedural schedule for this application at this time. Staff recommends Applicant have until February 20, 2015 to cure the deficiencies in the application. Staff also requests that it have until Wednesday, March 11, 2015 to review the items submitted and make a supplemental recommendation regarding the sufficiency of the application.

#### IV. CONCLUSION

Staff recommends that the application be deemed not administratively complete due to the noted deficiencies. Staff further recommends that the Applicant be given until February 20, 2015 to amend its application in order to cure the deficiencies identified in Staff's memo and submit a revised proposed notice. At this time, Staff further requests that it have until March 11, 2015 to supplement its recommendation regarding notice and administrative completeness of the application. In the event that Staff determines that the Applicant's amended application and notice are administratively complete, Staff will propose a procedural schedule for processing the matter. Staff respectfully requests the ALJ issue an order consistent with this Response.

Date: January 9, 2015

Respectfully Submitted,

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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 9<sup>th</sup> day of January, 2015, in accordance with P.U.C. Procedural Rule 22.74.

Maria Faconti

## **PUC Interoffice Memorandum**

To:

Maria Faconti, Attorney

Legal Division

Thru:

Tammy Benter, Director

Water Utility Division

From:

Debbie Reyes Tamayo Program Specialist Water Utility Division

Date:

January 9, 2015

**Subject:** 

Docket No. 43817, Application of Crystal Springs Water Co., Inc., to

amend its' Certificate of Convenience and Necessity (CCN) in Montgomery

County

On November 19, 2014, Crystal Springs Water Co., Inc., (Applicant) filed an application to amend its' CCN 20782 in Montgomery County under PUC Subst. R in Chapters §§24.101 – 24.107.

The proposed area will include 316.288 acres in Montgomery County to be developed into residential lots under developer Martin Realty & Land Inc. for Willis Waukegan Subdivision.

Based on review of the information in the application and the applicable laws and rules, I recommend that the application be deemed insufficient for filing. I further recommend the Applicant do the following:

- 1. Revise the description in the notice to read "on the east by <u>Crockett Martin Road</u>; on the south by <u>Frank Plunk and Waukegan Road</u>"
- 2. The applicant provided an incomplete list of entities who must receive notice within a 5-mile boundary of the proposed sewer service area. In addition to those utilities listed in the application, the Applicant should provide notice to the following entities:
  - o East Montgomery County Improvement District (District ID 2801500)
  - o Montgomery County MUD 92 (District ID 5858166)
- 3. Be ordered to provide correct notice of the application to the following:
  - a) any districts, groundwater conservation districts, counties, utilities, cities with an extraterritorial jurisdiction within two (2) miles of the proposed service area; any city with an extraterritorial jurisdiction which overlaps the proposed service area;
  - b) landowners with more than 25 acres and any affected parties in the proposed CCN area. The landowner information may be obtained from the county appraisal district tax rolls for the county or counties in which the proposed CCN lies; and
  - c) publish notice once a week for two (2) consecutive weeks in a newspaper of general circulation in Montgomery County;

- 4. Include a copy of a map showing the proposed sewer service area with the individual notices to neighboring utilities, other affected parties and each landowner. It is the Applicant's burden to provide an accurate map delineating the proposed area with each individual notice. Information related to districts including addresses can be obtained by the Applicant from the TCEQ web site located at <a href="http://www14.tceq.texas.gov/iwud/">http://www14.tceq.texas.gov/iwud/</a>.
- 5. Provide separate and additional maps of the proposed sewer service area to show the following:
  - a) all facilities, illustrating separately, facilities for production, transmission, and distribution of the applicant's sewer services; and
  - b) any facilities, customers or area currently being served outside the applicant's certificated sewer service area including a map showing requests for sewer service within the proposed service area.

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the following entities and landowners:	DATE
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AFF IDAVIT OF NOTICE TO CUSTOMERS DOCKET NO.
STATE OF TEXAS COUNTY OF
Before me, the undersigned authority, on this day personally appeared
,who being by me
duly sworn, deposes and that (s)he is the (TITLE)
of the(NAME OF UTILITY)
that the attached notice was provided to customers and other affected parties by
(METHOD USED TO PROVIDE NOTICE)
on or about the following date, to wit: (DATE)  (SIGNATURE OF UTILITY OFFICIAL)
Subscribed and sworn to before me this day of, 2014, to certify which witness my hand and seal of office.
Notary Public in and for the State of Texas
Print or Type Name of Notary Public
Commission Expires