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APPLICATION OF LAGUNA VISTA,
LTD., AND LAGUNA TRES INC. FOR
SALE, TRANSFER, OR MERGER OF
FACILITIES AND CERTIFICATE
RIGHTS IN HOOD COUNTY

BEFORE THE STATE OFFICE

OF

ADMINISTRATIVE HEARINGS

SOAH ORDER NO. 1 CASE DESCRIPTION AND JURISDICTION, NOTICE OF PREHEARING CONFERENCE, AND PROCEDURES

I. CASE DESCRIPTION AND JURISDICTION

Laguna Vista, Ltd. and Laguna Tres Inc. filed an application with the Public Utility Commission of Texas (Commission or PUC) requesting approval of: (1) the sale of Laguna Vista, Ltd.'s water and sewer systems to Laguna Tres Inc., (2) the transfer of the water system and territory from the certificate of convenience and necessity (CCN) number 11983 currently held by the seller to Laguna Tres Inc.'s CCN number 11609 and cancellation CCN number 11983, and (3) the transfer the sewer CCN number 20766 from Laguna Vista, Ltd. to Laguna Tres Inc. On June 22, 2015, the PUC referred this case to the State Office of Administrative Hearings (SOAH) for hearing. The Commission has jurisdiction and authority over this matter pursuant to the Texas Water Code ch. 13^1 and P.U.C. procedural rules at chapter 24.² The Commission will consider and possibly adopt a preliminary order at its open meeting scheduled for July 30, 2015.

II. NOTICE OF PREHEARING CONFERENCE

The ALJ finds it appropriate to schedule the prehearing conference to occur after the Commission has issued its preliminary order. Therefore, it is **ORDERED** that a prehearing conference will convene at **10:00 a.m. on August 10, 2015**, in a SOAH hearing room located on the Fourth Floor of the William P. Clements Building, 300 West 15th Street, Austin, Texas. At

¹ <u>http://www.puc.texas.gov/agency/rulesnlaws/statutes/PUCWaterStatutes.pdf</u>

² http://www.puc.texas.gov/agency/rulesnlaws/subrules/water/Water.aspx

the prehearing conference, the ALJ will address a procedural and discovery schedule, any requests for party status, a hearing on the merits date(s), adequate notice, and any other issues that will assist in the fair disposition of this case.

III. FILING AND SERVICE PROCEDURES

The procedures regarding filing and service are specified in Subchapter E of the Commission's procedural rules and apply in this proceeding. The Commission's procedural rules are found at <u>http://www.puc.texas.gov</u>, under the tab "Rules & Laws" at chapter 22. Parties are expected to know those procedures and comply with them fully.

A. Filing

Pleadings and other filings shall be deemed filed when the proper number of legible copies is presented to the PUC filing clerk for filing. All pleadings must contain both the SOAH and PUC docket numbers to allow for efficient processing.

For a party who may not be familiar with the PUC processes, all PUC filings are available for viewing and downloading from the Commission's website (www.puc.state.tx.us). Once there, click at the top under "Filings." Then go to Filings Search, click on "Filings Search" and type in the control number 44046 and press "enter." A list of documents filed in this docket will appear and you may access those documents by clicking on the document number. The PUC's procedural rules are also available at the PUC website.

B. Service

As stated above, all documents filed in this case must be filed at the PUC. When a party files a document with the PUC, that party is required to "serve" or provide a copy of that document to every other party. Service on a party may be made by delivery of a copy of the pleading or document to the party's authorized representative or attorney of record either in person; by agent; by courier receipted delivery; by first class mail; by certified mail, return receipt requested; or by registered mail to such party's address of record, or by facsimile transmission to the recipient's current facsimile machine.

A copy of the service list in this case is attached for the parties' convenience.

Parties may wish to provide an email address for the service list. If so, they may go to SOAH's web site at <u>http://soah.state.tx.us</u> and click on "Request Service by Email." They would then be required to complete a short form. The service list will be updated as necessary.

Only one address per party will be included on the official service list maintained by SOAH. Corrections to the service list should be directed to Virginia Gonzales at <u>virginia.gonzales@soah.texas.gov</u>, who may be contacted by email or by telephone at 512-475-1272.

C. Responses to Motions and Other Pleadings

Unless otherwise specified, responses to any motion or other pleading shall be filed within five working days from receipt of the pleading to which the response is made. Such responsive pleadings shall state the date of receipt of the pleading to which a response is made. Failure to file a timely response will be considered acquiescence to the relief requested.

A party not familiar with the Commission's rules is encouraged to contact the Staff attorney assigned to this case, Maria Faconti, at 512-936-7235 or <u>maria.faconti@puc.texas.gov</u>, if that party has any questions about the Commission's rules or procedures, including the filing of documents with the Commission.

SIGNED June 24, 2015.

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