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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 PUBLIC UTILITY COMMISSION  
ADMINISTRATIVE HEARINGS

**COMMISSION STAFF’S RESPONSE TO APPLICANTS’ NOTICE OF WITHDRAWAL**

COMES NOW the Staff of the Public Utility Commission of Texas (Staff), representing the public interest, and files this Commission Staff’s Response to Applicants’ Notice of Withdrawal in response to the Notice of Withdrawal of Application filed on August 8, 2016 and would show the following:

**I. BACKGROUND**

On December 30, 2014, Laguna Vista, Ltd. (Seller) and Laguna Tres, Inc. (Purchaser) (together, Applicants) filed an application for sale, transfer, or merger of water Certificate of Convenience and Necessity (CCN) No. 11983 and sewer CCN No. 20766 and the associated water and sewer systems. On June 22, 2015, the case was referred to the State Office of Administrative Hearings (SOAH) for a hearing on the merits.

On August 8, 2016, Applicants jointly filed a Notice withdrawing the application. Under 16 Tex. Admin. Code § 22.78(a) (TAC), responsive pleadings are due within five working days after receipt of the pleading to which response is made, unless otherwise specified by statute, 16 TAC Chapter 22, or order of the presiding officer. Staff received Applicants’ Notice of Withdrawal of Application on August 8, 2016. Five working days after August 8 is August 15, 2016. This pleading is therefore timely filed.

**II. STAFF RESPONSE**

Staff does not oppose Applicants’ request to withdraw the application. Staff has also communicated with the intervenors in this case, and has received permission to indicate that the intervenors also do not oppose Applicants’ request to withdraw the application.

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### III. CONCLUSION

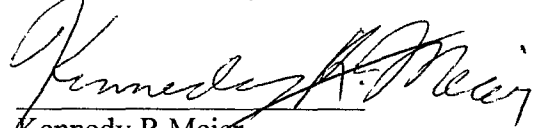
As stated above, Staff and the intervenors do not oppose Applicants' request to withdraw the application.

Respectfully Submitted,

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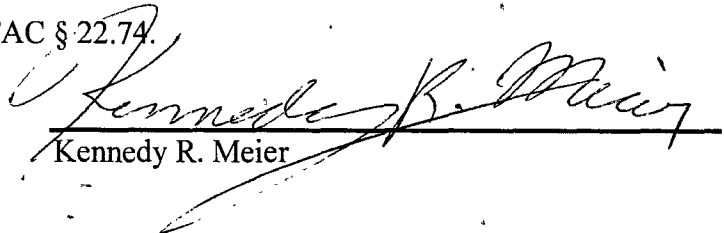


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#### CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I certify that a copy of this document will be served on all parties of record on this the 12<sup>th</sup> of August, 2016 in accordance with 16 TAC § 22.74.



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