

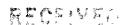
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IN BRAZOS COUNTY	§	ADMINISTRATIVE HEARINGS

STATUS REPORT AND UNOPPOSED MOTION TO EXTEND ABATEMENT PERIOD

TO THE HONORABLE ADMINISTRATIVE LAW JUDGE:

The City of College Station ("College Station" or "City") files this Status Report and Unopposed Motion to Extend Abatement Period.

INTRODUCTION

In Order No.11, the last Order issued in this Docket, the ALJ requested that College Station submit a status report. Settlement negotiations are still active and the parties request further abatement of the schedule in an attempt to settle the matter.

BACKGROUND

A preliminary hearing in the above-captioned matter was held on June 6, 2006. In Order Number 1, the ALJ set out the prehearing and hearing schedule. On August 3, 2006, College Station filed a motion to abate the schedule while the parties conducted settlement negotiations. In Order Number 2, dated August 4, 2006, the ALJ granted the abatement and required College Station to submit a status report on October 3, 2006. On October 3, 2006, College Station filed an unopposed motion to extend the abatement period. College Station settled with all protesting parties except for Main Street Homes ("MSH") and Wellborn Special Utility District ("WSUD").

In Orders Number 3 and 4, the ALJ dismissed the parties who settled with College Station. In Order Number 5, the ALJ granted College Station's October 3, 2006 request for an extension of the abatement period and ordered College Station to file a status report on or before January 5, 2007. College Station submitted a status report and request for abatement extension, which the ALJ granted in Order Number 6. The ALJ also ordered College Station to file a status report on or before March 5, 2007. College Station submitted a status report and request for abatement extension, which the ALJ granted in Order Number 7. The ALJ also ordered College Station to file a status report on or before June 6, 2007. College Station submitted a status report on June 6, 2007 requesting an additional 60 days to conduct mediation. In Order Number 8, the ALJ granted the extension and required a report on or before August 6, 2007. On that date, College Station requested an abatement to participate in an August 9, 2007 mediation, which the ALJ granted in Order No. 9. The mediation was unsuccessful, but the City subsequently offered a new settlement proposal to MSH and WSUD. College Station filed a status report and request to extend the abatement, which the ALJ granted in Order No. 10. On October 5, 2007, College Station requested an indefinite abatement with a report due every 60 days as the parties attempted settlement. The ALJ granted the City's motion in Order No. 11.

STATUS REPORT

The City has two different settlement proposals on which the parties are now focused. One proposal is a global settlement with parties in related litigation that, if successful, would result in the City obtaining the area it seeks in the application subject to this docket. If the proposal and settlement are not successful, WSUD and the City are negotiating service territories which may alter the area the City seeks in its application that is subject to this docket.

MOTION FOR EXTENSION OF ABATEMENT AND CONCLUSION

College Station requests continuation of an indefinite abatement with a requirement to report every 60 days. Under this proposal, College Station will submit a status report to the ALJ on or before February 5, 2008. Counsel for College Station has conferred with Leonard Dougal, counsel for WSUD, Rick Jenkins of MSH and MSH's counsel, Mark Zeppa, and Kayla Murray, counsel for the Executive Director. All parties concur with this request.

Respectfully submitted,

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COLLEGE STATION TO AMEND
SEWER CERTIFICATES OF
CONVENIENCE AND NECESSITY IN
BRAZOS COUNTY

§

BEFORE THE STATE OFFICE OF ADMINISTRATIVE HEARINGS

ORDER NO. 11

GRANTING REQUEST FOR ADDITIONAL ABATEMENT

On October 5, 2007, the City of College Station (College Station or Applicant) timely filed a status report requesting that the abatement period in this case be continued. The parties participated in mediation but the dispute was not resolved. Subsequently, a new settlement offer and terms were discussed; the parties believe that a settlement is still possible. Additional time is needed because two of the parties involved have governing bodies that meet periodically.

Applicant's request for an additional abatement period has merit and is GRANTED. College Station shall file a status report on or before December 5, 2007.

SIGNED October 17, 2007.

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SOAH Docket No. 582-06-1697; TCEQ Docket No. 2005-2092-UCR; City of College Station's Application to Amend Sewer Certificate of Convenience and Necessity in Brazos County

Dear Ms. Castañuela:

Enclosed for filing is an original and one copy of the Status Report and Unopposed Motion to Extend Abatement Period in connection with the above-referenced matter. Please file the original and have the copy filed-stamped and returned to me in the enclosed self-addressed, stamped envelope.

Should you have questions or need to reach me, please call (512) 472-8021.

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