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## COMMISSION STAFF'S RESPONSE TO ORDER NO. 1

**COMES NOW** the Staff (Staff) of the Public Utility Commission of Texas (Commission), representing the public interest and files this Response to Order No. 1, and would show the following:

#### I. BACKGROUND

On March 6, 2015, Oak Forest Highlands, Inc. (Highlands or Applicant) and Forest Oaks Mobile Homes, LLC (Forest Oaks or Applicant) filed an application (Application) for the sale, transfer, or merger of facilities and certificate of convenience and necessity rights in Travis County. Specifically, Forest Oaks seeks approval to acquire all of the water system assets of Highlands. Highlands' water certificate of convenience and necessity (CCN) No. 12086 will be transferred to Forest Oaks.

In Order No. 1, the Administrative Law Judge (ALJ) allowed Staff until April 6, 2015, to file a recommendation on sufficiency and a procedural schedule. Therefore, this pleading is timely filed.

#### II. RECOMMENDATION

As detailed in the attached memorandum of Emily Sears, Suzanne Burt, and Fred Bednarski (Attachment A) of the Water Utilities Division, Staff recommends that the Application be deemed insufficient for filing. Attachment A requests the Applicant provide clarification on the area being transferred and the purchase price and requests a business plan and analysis and a capital commitment agreement, as well as other documentation. Staff requests that the Applicant be allowed until April 24, 2015 to cure the deficiencies noted in Attachment A and that Staff be allowed until May 22, 2015 to file a supplemental recommendation.

#### III. CONCLUSION

Staff requests the ALJ issue an order consistent with this pleading.

Respectfully Submitted,

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# Public Utility Commission of Texas

## Memorandum

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From:

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Date:

March 31, 2015

Subject:

Docket No. 44512; Application of Oak Forest Highlands, Inc. and Forest Oaks Mobile

Homes, LLC for Sale, Transfer, or Merger of Facilities and Certificate of Convenience

and Necessity in Travis County

On March 6, 2015 Forest Oaks Mobile Homes, LLC (Applicant) filed an application to purchase facilities and transfer Certificate of Convenience and Necessity (CCN) No. 12086 of Oak Forest Highlands, Inc., in Travis County, Texas. The Application was filed pursuant to Chapter 13.251 of the Texas Water Code (TWC), and Chapter 24 of the PUC's Substantive Rules.

The Applicant has failed to provide adequate maps that meet PUC's mapping requirements. The proposed area referenced in the application does not match the CCN boundary on file with the Commission.

The applicant has also failed to provide adequate financial information.

Based on a review of the information in the application, Staff recommends the application be deemed insufficient for filing. In order to continue processing the application, Staff recommends the applicant provide the following information:

- 1. Clarification of the area to be transferred. The proposed notice states 6.73 acres, however the existing CCN area consist of 18 acres;
- 2. The total purchase price. Reference question 13A of the application;
- 3. A business plan and analysis regarding how the utility will be able to produce a positive cash flow;
- 4. An executed and signed Membership and Capital Commitment Agreement; and
- 5. Proof of the following:
  - i. The \$20,000 escrow account to be setup as initial working capital directly for the utility operations; and
  - ii. The backup account of \$30,000 setup for the community at large.