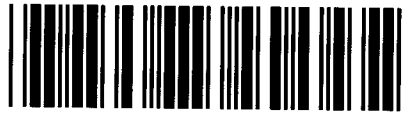


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APPLICATION OF AQUA TEXAS,
INC. D/B/A AQUA TEXAS TO AMEND
ITS CERTIFICATES OF
CONVENIENCE AND NECESSITY IN
HARRIS COUNTY

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**ORDER NO. 1
REQUIRING COMMENTS ON ADMINISTRATIVE COMPLETENESS AND NOTICE;
REQUESTING PROCEDURAL SCHEDULE, AND
ADDRESSING OTHER PROCEDURAL MATTERS**

I. Application

On March 13, 2015, Aqua Texas, Inc. d/b/a Aqua Texas (Aqua Texas) filed with the Public Utility Commission of Texas (Commission) an application to amend its water and sewer certificate of convenience and necessity (CCN) Nos. 13203 and 21065, respectively, in Harris County. Aqua Texas seeks to amend its CCNs in order to provide water and wastewater utility services to a commercial development, comprising 620.652 acres.

II. Requiring Comments on the Administrative Completeness of Application and Proposed Notice

Pursuant to P.U.C. SUBST. R. 24.8(a), by **April 10, 2015**, Commission Staff shall file comments on the administrative completeness of the application and proposed notice. Notice of this application will appear in the March 27, 2015, issue of the *Texas Register*.

III. Requesting Procedural Schedule

By **April 10, 2015**, Aqua Texas and Commission Staff shall file comments regarding how this application should be processed and propose a procedural schedule.

IV. Discovery

Discovery may proceed informally; however, objections to Requests for Information (RFIs) must be filed and served within 10 days of receiving the RFI. Objections shall include a statement that negotiations were conducted diligently and in good faith. If the parties are unable

to resolve a discovery dispute, a motion to compel a response to an RFI must be filed and served within five (5) working days of receipt of an objection. The motion to compel shall specify the grounds for the motion.

V. Filing Requirements

A. PUC Filing Clerk

Unless otherwise specified, an original and ten copies of documents relating to this proceeding must be filed with the Commission filing clerk according to P.U.C. PROC. R. 22.71. To ensure the efficient processing of water and sewer cases, all pleadings and other filings shall be deemed filed when the proper number of copies are presented to the PUC Filing Clerk for filing pursuant to 16 TAC §22.71(c)(7). All Commission filings can be accessed on the PUC Interchange, <http://interchange.puc.texas.gov>.

A copy of each document filed with the Commission must also be served on all parties under P.U.C. PROC. R. 22.74.

P.U.C. PROC. R. 22.78 governs responsive pleadings. Unless otherwise specified, responses or replies to any motion or other pleading shall be filed within five (5) working days after the date on which the motion or other pleading was received by the responding party. Failure to file a timely response will be considered acquiescence to the relief requested.

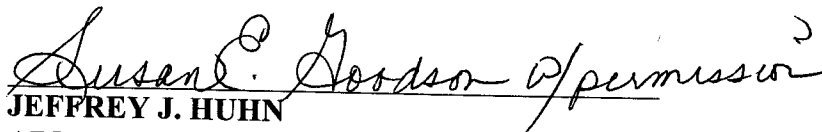
All parties shall provide their current addresses, telephone and facsimile numbers, if available, to all other parties and the Commission by filing and serving all parties with such information. Each party shall provide the Commission and all parties with updated address, telephone, and facsimile information if such information changes. The telephone and facsimile numbers will be placed on the service list for the convenience of the parties. Parties are responsible for updating their own service lists to reflect changed information and the addition of any other parties.

B. Ex Parte Communications

Pursuant to 16 TAC 22.3(a) *ex parte* communications with the administrative law judges and presiding officer (collectively, ALJs) are prohibited. Parties shall communicate with the ALJs only through written documents filed with the Commission's Filing Clerk and served on all parties.

SIGNED AT AUSTIN, TEXAS the 17th day of March 2015.

PUBLIC UTILITY COMMISSION OF TEXAS


JEFFREY J. HUHNS
ADMINISTRATIVE LAW JUDGE