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**APPLICATION OF RANCH  
COUNTRY OF TEXAS, INC. TO  
AMEND A WATER CERTIFICATE  
OF CONVENIENCE AND NECESSITY  
IN AUSTIN COUNTY**

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**COMMISSION STAFF'S SUPPLEMENTAL RECOMMENDATION ON  
ADMINISTRATIVE COMPLETENESS**

**COMES NOW** the Staff (Staff) of the Public Utility Commission of Texas (Commission) representing the public interest and files this Response to Order No. 5 and Supplemental Recommendation on Administrative Completeness.

**I. Background**

On August 3, 2014, Ranch Country of Texas, Inc. (Ranch Country) filed an application amend its water Certificate of Convenience and Necessity (CCN) No. 12918 in Austin County (Application). On February 1, 2016, Ranch Country filed supplemental mapping information.

On January 27, 2016, the Administrative Law Judge (ALJ) issued Order No. 5 granting Staff's request for an extension and requiring Staff to file comments on the administrative completeness of the application and proposed notice by February 16, 2016. Therefore, this Response is timely filed.

**II. Staff's Comments on Administrative Completeness and Notice**

As detailed in the attached memorandum of Patricia Garcia and Tracy Montes, in the Commission's Water Utilities Division, Staff has reviewed the Application and recommends that the Application be deemed insufficient for filing and administratively incomplete pursuant to 16 Tex. Admin. Code §§ 24.105 and 24.106 (TAC). Staff identified deficiencies in the mapping digital data submitted by Ranch Country. Staff recommends Ranch Country be required to provide the mapping data detailed by Staff in the attached memo. Commission Mapping Staff is available to continue to work with Ranch Country to resolve the identified mapping issues.

**III. Proposed Procedural Schedule**

Due to the deficiencies in the Application, Staff does not recommend a procedural schedule for the evaluation of the merits of the Application at this time. Staff recommends that Ranch Country be given until **March 4, 2016** to cure deficiencies identified by Staff. Staff

proposes a deadline of **March 29, 2016** for Staff to file additional comments regarding administrative completeness, along with a proposed procedural schedule if deemed administratively complete.

**IV. Conclusion**

Staff respectfully requests the entry of an order consistent with this Response.

**Dated: February 16, 2016**

Respectfully Submitted,

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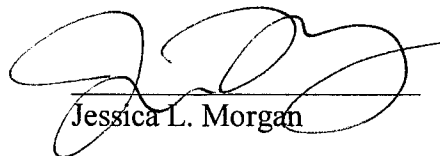


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**CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE**

I certify that a copy of this document will be served on all parties of record on this February 16, 2016 in accordance with 16 TAC § 22.74.



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## PUC Interoffice Memorandum

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**To:** Jessica Morgan  
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**Thru:** Tammy Benter, Director  
Lisa Fuentes, Team Lead  
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**From:** Patricia Garcia, Staff Engineer  
Tracy Montes, GIS Specialist  
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**Date:** February 12, 2016

**Subject:** **Docket 45001**, *Application of Ranch Country of Texas, Inc. to Amend a Certificate of Convenience and Necessity (CCN) in Austin County*

On August 3, 2015, Ranch Country of Texas, Inc. (Ranch Country) filed with the Public Utility Commission of Texas (Commission) an application to amend its water Certificate of Convenience and Necessity (CCN) No. 12918 in Austin County, Texas, pursuant to Texas Water Code Ann. (TWC), §§ 13.242 to 13.250 and the 16 Tex. Admin Code (TAC) §§24.101 to 24.107.

On February 1, 2016, the Applicant submitted revised hard copy maps and digital data in response to Commission Order No. 2. Staff has reviewed the information provided and finds it deficient. Therefore, Staff recommends the application be deemed insufficient for filing and administratively incomplete.

### **Mapping Requirements**

Staff is unable to use the digital data filed in a drawing (.dwg) file format since the file was not already set to the coordinate system and datum (projection). When Staff attempted to set the projection for the digital data, the location of the proposed service area did not correspond to the same location as shown on their hard copy maps.

The Applicant must submit the following items to resolve the mapping deficiencies:

1. A revised small scale (general location) map only showing the location of the proposed service area in the vicinity of the nearest town, city, or county.
2. A revised large scale (detailed) map only showing the proposed service area with enough detail to accurately locate the proposed service area in reference to verifiable man-made and natural landmarks such as streets, railroads and rivers.
3. Revised digital data for the proposed water service area set in the coordinate system and datum used to create the drawing (.dwg) file.
  - a. The .dwg file for the proposed service area should be provided in a single continuous polyline or polygon record, clearly labeled as the proposed service area.
  - b. Seven copies of the digital data on a data disk (CD). Each CD should be labeled with the utility name and the docket number.
4. The total acreage for the proposed service area in the digital format includes approximately 122 acres, whereas the hard copy maps state the total acreage as approximately 137 acres. The Applicant should remove the total acreage amount from all hard copy maps and clarify the reason for the difference in acreage (if any) for the revised proposed service area.