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**APPLICATION OF HOUSE HAHL  
COMMERCIAL OWNERS ASSOCIATION  
FOR EXEMPT UTILITY  
REGISTRATION**

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**COMMISSION STAFF'S THIRD RECOMMENDATION ON SUFFICIENCY**

**COMES NOW** the Staff of the Public Utility Commission of Texas (Staff), representing the public interest, and files this Commission Staff's Response to Order No. 4, Third Recommendation on Sufficiency. In support thereof, Staff shows the following:

**I. BACKGROUND**

On October 16, 2015, House Hahl Commercial Owners Association (House Hahl) filed an application for exempt utility registration pursuant to Tex. Water Code § 13.242(c) (TWC) and 16 Tex. Admin. Code § 24.103(d) (TAC).

Order No. 4, issued January 25, 2016, directed House Hahl to amend its application by February 24, 2016 and directed Staff to file a supplemental recommendation by March 23, 2016. House Hahl filed an amended application on February 1, 2015. Therefore, this pleading is timely filed.

**II. RECOMMENDATION ON SUFFICIENCY**

Staff has reviewed the additional mapping information provided by House Hahl, and as supported by the attached memorandum of Heidi Graham and Tracy Montes of the Water Utilities Division, Staff recommends that the application is administratively complete. However, Staff's recommendation that the application be found sufficient should not be interpreted as a recommendation that the application be approved or as an indication that Staff will not seek additional material from House Hahl during discovery in this proceeding. Staff's recommendation merely indicates that the application is sufficient to initiate the Commission's review of the relief requested by House Hahl. Staff will file its recommendations concerning the merits of the application as required by the procedural schedule established for this proceeding.

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### III. PROPOSED PROCEDURAL SCHEDULE

Staff proposes the following procedural schedule:

<i>Event</i>	<i>Date</i>
Deadline for Commission Staff to file a final recommendation or to request a hearing	May 6, 2016
Deadline for House Hahl to respond to Commission Staff's recommendation or request a hearing	May 25, 2016

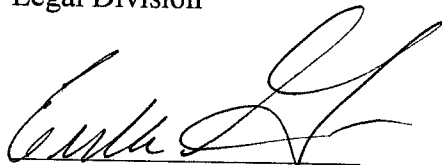
### IV. CONCLUSION

Staff respectfully requests the entry of an order consistent with the above recommendations.

Respectfully Submitted,

Margaret Uhlig Pemberton  
Division Director  
Legal Division

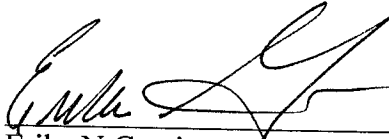
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**CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE**

I certify that a copy of this document will be served on all parties of record March 23, 2016,  
in accordance with 16 TAC § 22.74.

  
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## PUC Interoffice Memorandum

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**To:** Erika Garcia, Attorney  
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**Thru:** Tammy Benter, Director  
Lisa Fuentes, Work Lead  
Water Utilities Division

**From:** Heidi Graham, Staff Engineer  
Tracy Montes, GIS Specialist  
Water Utilities Division

**Date:** March 22, 2016

**Subject:** **Docket No. 45266;** *Application of House Hahl Commercial Owners Association for Exempt Utility Registration*

On October 16, 2015, House Hahl Commercial Association (Applicant) filed an application for exempt utility registration pursuant to 16 Tex. Admin. Code § 24.103(d) (TAC). This rule allows a utility or water supply corporation with less than 15 potential connections, such as the Applicant, to be exempt from obtaining a Certificate of Convenience and Necessity (CCN) by registering as an exempt utility instead. The Applicant asserts that there is one (1) active water connection and the potential for eleven (11) future connections. The development encompasses approximately 45 acres.

Staff reviewed the mapping information filed by the Applicant on February 1, 2016 and has found it to be sufficient. Therefore, Staff recommends that the application be deemed sufficient for filing.