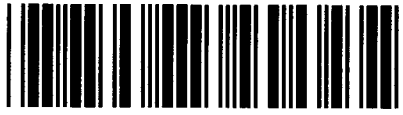


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**ORDER NO. 1  
REQUIRING COMMISSION STAFF COMMENTS/RECOMMENDATION**

**I. Application**

On November 24, 2015, Ranch Utilities, L.P. (Ranch Utilities) and EMCAD Water and Wastewater, LLC (EMCAD) filed an application for sale, transfer, or merger of facilities and certificate of convenience and necessity rights in Parker County. Specifically, Ranch Utilities seeks approval to acquire a portion of the sewer system assets of EMCAD held under sewer Certificate of Convenience and Necessity (CCN) No. 21064 in the Sugar Tree Subdivision.

**II. Establishing Deadline for Commission Staff's Recommendation**

Pursuant to 16 Tex. Admin. Code § 24.8(a) (TAC), Commission Staff shall file, on or before **December 29, 2015**, comments/recommendation regarding administrative completeness of this application, whether additional notice may be required to comply with the applicable procedural rules, and propose a schedule for processing.

The Commission will submit notice of this application for publication in the *Texas Register* on December 18, 2015.

**III. Filings**

Unless otherwise specified, an original and ten copies of documents relating to this proceeding must be filed with the Commission filing clerk according to 16 TAC § 22.71. A copy of each document filed with the Commission must also be served on all parties as provided in 16 TAC § 22.74. All filings can be accessed on the PUC Interchange, <http://interchange.puc.texas.gov>.

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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 this proceeding. Parties are responsible for updating their own service lists to reflect changed information and the addition of any other parties.

#### IV. Ex Parte Communications

Pursuant to 16 TAC § 22.3(b)(2) *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. Questions concerning this order or any other order must be submitted in writing, filed with the Commission, and served on all parties of record.

SIGNED AT AUSTIN, TEXAS on the 3<sup>rd</sup> day of December 2015.

PUBLIC UTILITY COMMISSION OF TEXAS

  
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STEPHANIE FRAZZELL  
ADMINISTRATIVE LAW JUDGE