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APPLICATION OF CITY OF § BEFORE THE STATE OFFICE
GREGORY TO OBTAIN §
CERTIFICATES OF CONVENIENCE § OF
AND NECESSITY IN SAN PATRICIO §
COUNTY § ADMINISTRATIVE HEARINGS

COMMISSION STAFF'S RECOMMENDATION

COMES NOW the Staff of the Public Utility Commission of Texas (Staff), representing the public interest, and files this Recommendation in response to SOAH Order No. 4 and would show the following:

I. BACKGROUND

On December 31, 2015, the City of Gregory (Gregory) filed an application with the Public Utility Commission of Texas (Commission) to obtain new water and sewer certificates of convenience and necessity (CCN) in San Patricio County, Texas. Gregory seeks to acquire CCNs for the area within its extraterritorial jurisdiction (ETJ).

On June 12, 2018, an Order of Referral was issued, referring the application to the State Office of Administrative Hearings (SOAH). On August 13, 2018, Staff filed a status report indicating Staff's understanding that Gregory intended to amend its application to alter its requested CCN area to only include areas to which Gregory currently provides service. On August 14, 2018, SOAH Order No. 4 was issued, establishing a deadline of October 3, 2018, for Staff to file a recommendation on Gregory's amendment to its application and propose an additional procedural schedule. This pleading is therefore timely filed.

II. RECOMMENDATION

Gregory filed a status report on September 11, 2018, and additional information on September 12, 2018. The information filed on September 12 includes maps showing the areas where Gregory currently provides service, but does not include the maps revising Gregory's requested area. Gregory has informally provided Staff versions of the maps revising its CCN area, and Staff and Gregory have been engaged in discussions regarding those maps. Based on the

current state of the discussions with Gregory, Staff proposes the following procedural schedule for the filing and review of the application amendment. Staff has consulted with Gregory regarding the proposed deadline for Gregory to file its amendment to its application:

Event	Deadline
Deadline for Gregory to file its amendment to its application	October 19, 2018
Deadline for Staff to file a recommendation on the amendment to Gregory's application and propose an additional procedural schedule	November 2, 2018

III. CONCLUSION

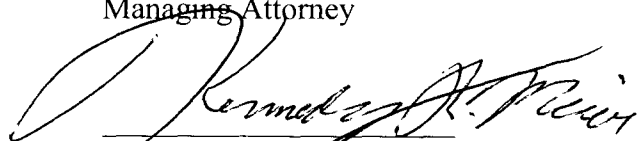
Staff requests that the procedural schedule proposed above be adopted for further processing of this proceeding.

Respectfully Submitted,

**PUBLIC UTILITY COMMISSION OF
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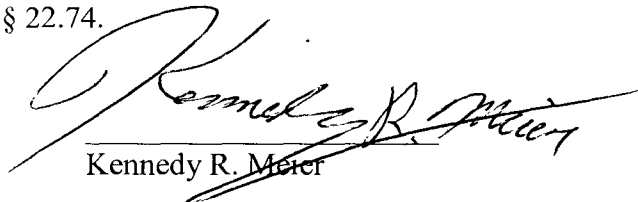


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