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**COMMISSION STAFF'S COMMENTS ON ADMINISTRATIVE COMPLETENESS  
AND NOTICE**

**COMES NOW** the Staff of the Public Utility Commission of Texas (Staff), representing the public interest and files this Comments on Administrative Completeness and Notice and would show the following:

**I. Background**

On January 4, 2016, Rankin Park Maintenance & Utilities Co., Inc. (Rankin Park) filed an application for a rate/tariff change with a proposed effective date of March 1, 2016. The application lists Rankin Park in Harris County as the subdivision affected by the rate change. The stated purpose of the rate change is to cover the amortized capital costs and operation costs associated with a wastewater treating plant constructed in 2012.

On January 8, 2016, Order No. 1 was entered requiring Staff to file a recommendation on administrative completeness and to propose a procedural schedule by February 4, 2016. Thus, this pleading is timely filed.

**II. Recommendation**

Based on the attached memorandum of Andrew Novak and Patricia Garcia, Water Utilities Division, Staff recommends that the application be deemed deficient and therefore not administratively complete at this time. Specifically, Staff recommends that Rankin Park be required to remedy the deficiencies identified in the attached memorandum and that the effective date be suspended pursuant to Tex. Water Code Ann. § 13.1871(e) (West 2008 & Supp. 2015) and 16 Tex. Admin. Code § 24.26(b)(1).

### **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. Instead, Staff recommends that Rankin Park be given until March 7, 2016 to remedy the identified deficiencies.

Staff recommends that it be required to provide a supplemental recommendation regarding administrative completeness by March 25, 2016.

Respectfully Submitted,

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**CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE**

I certify that a copy of this document will be served on all parties of record on February 4, 2015 in accordance with 16 TAC § 22.74.

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**Public Utility Commission of Texas**

**Memorandum**

**TO:** AJ Smullen, Attorney  
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**THRU:** Tammy Benter, Director  
Debi Loockerman, Rates Team Lead  
Water Utility Regulation

**FROM:** Andrew Novak, Financial Analyst  
Patricia Garcia, Staff Engineer  
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**DATE:** January 28, 2016

**SUBJECT:** *Docket No. 45491, Application of Rankin Park Maintenance & Utilities Company for Class B Rate/Tariff Change*

On January 4, 2016, Rankin Park Maintenance & Utilities (Rankin Park), Water Certificate of Convenience and Necessity (CCN) No. 12228 and Sewer CCN 20789, filed an application with the Public Utility Commission of Texas (Commission) for a Class B Rate/Tariff change. An administrative review of this application is now being made pursuant to Texas Water Code §§ 13.1871 (TWC) and 16 Tex. Admin. Code §§ 24.8 and 24.22 (TAC).

Rankin Park owns one (1) public water system (PWS) and the sewer system that serves the water customers. This application affects the Rankin Park PWS (ID# 1012070) and approximately 96 connections. For the affected customers, Rankin Park is seeking to increase only its wastewater utility rates in this application. On December 23, 2015 Rankin Park provided a notice of rate increase effective **March 1, 2016**, with all affected customers and also filed a copy of the notice with the Commission.

Staff has reviewed the application and found material deficiencies that prevent the application from effectively being processed. Therefore, staff recommends the application be found insufficient for filing and that the applicant be ordered to:

1. Suspend the effective date of the proposed rates (proposed date of March 1, 2016) until proper notice is provided to all affected customers;
2. Order Rankin Park to provide the schedules pertaining to water service, that are listed on the Class B Rate/Tariff change application.

3. Order Rankin Park to provide calculations and explanations on how costs are allocated or directly charged between water and wastewater.
4. If a revised notice to customers is necessary based on the above required revisions, Rankin Park should not provide a revised notice until an administratively complete application is submitted.
5. If a revised notice is provided, Rankin Park should submit a new affidavit with the actual date notice was provided to customers. Please ensure that the date the affidavit is witnessed is the same date notice was provided to customers or a date after the notice was actually provided to customers.