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APPLICATION OF CITY OF
CIBOLO FOR SINGLE
CERTIFICATION IN
INCORPORATED AREA AND TO
DECERTIFY PORTIONS OF GREEN
VALLEY SPECIAL UTILITY
DISTRICT'S SEWER CERTIFICATE
OF CONVENIENCE AND
NECESSITY IN GUADALUPE
COUNTY

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COMMISSION STAFF'S RESPONSE TO GREEN VALLEY'S PLEA TO JURISDICTION AND MOTION TO DISMISS

COMES NOW the Commission Staff (Staff) of the Public Utility Commission of Texas (Commission), representing the public interest, and files this response to Grass [sic] Valley Special utility District's Plea to the Jurisdiction and Motion to Dismiss with Debt Information Listing. In support thereof, Staff would show the following:

I. Background

On April 29, 2016, Green Valley Special Utility District (Green Valley) filed a plea to the jurisdiction and motion to dismiss. Staff has until May 20, 2016 to respond per 16 Tex. Admin. Code § 22.181(a)(2) (TAC). Therefore, this response is timely.

II. Response

Green Valley argues that the application cannot proceed because Green Valley's "certificated sewer service area is 'sacrosanct' and federally protected from municipal encroachment under 7 U.S.C.A § 1926(b)" and that the City of Cibolo's (Cibolo) petition should be dismissed for lack of jurisdiction. Green Valley fails to make and argument as to why the Commission the Commission lacks jurisdiction to determine whether or not 7 U.S.C.A. § 1926(b) applies. The pleading is therefore flawed and defective on its face. Thus, Green Valley's motion should be denied.

Staff reserves to the right to respond to Green Valley whenever its motion is properly pled.

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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I certify that a copy of this document will be served on all parties of record on May 18, 2016, in accordance with P.U.C. Procedural Rule 22.74.

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