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APPLICATION OF CITY OF \$ PUBLIC UTILITY COMMISSION 1: 27

PRINCETON TO AMEND A SEWER \$

CERTIFICATE OF CONVENIENCE \$

AND NECESSITY IN COLLIN COUNTY \$

OF TEXAS

COMMISSION STAFF'S RECOMMENDATION FINDING APPLICATION ADMINISTRATIVELY INCOMPLETE

COMES NOW the Staff of the Public Utility Commission of Texas (Staff), representing the public interest, and files this Response to Order No. 1 and Recommendation Finding Application Administratively Incomplete. In support thereof, Staff shows the following:

I. Background

On May 2, 2016, the City of Princeton (Princeton) filed an application to amend its sewer certificate of convenience (CCN) No. 21057 in Collin County. Princeton seeks to amend its sewer CCN to include the city limits and extra territorial jurisdiction of Lowry Crossing, Texas.

On May 13, 2016, Order No. 1 was issued requiring Staff to file comments on the administrative completeness of the application and proposed notice and propose a procedural schedule by June 2, 2016. Accordingly, this pleading is timely filed.

II. Recommendation on Administrative Sufficiency

Staff has reviewed the application and notice in accordance with Tex. Water Code Ann. § 13.246 (TWC) and 16 Tex. Admin. Code §§ 24.8 and 24.102-24.106 (TAC) and, as supported by the attached memorandum from Patricia Garcia, Engineer, Fred Bednarski, Financial & Managerial Review Specialist, and Kristy Nguyen, GIS Specialist with the Water Utility Regulation Division, Staff recommends that the application be deemed administratively incomplete and deficient in mapping content. Pursuant to 16 ATC § 24.8(a), applications are not considered filed until a determination of administrative completeness is made. In order to continue processing the application, Staff recommends the Applicant provide the following requested information:

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Mapping Content

- A slight overlap exists with City of McKinney corporate boundaries. Applicant must obtain consent from the City of McKinney for the area of overlap or remove the overlap with City of McKinney.
- The hard copy map labeled "Proposed New City of Princeton Sewer CCN" does not show the same area as the other hard copy maps submitted. All maps must show the same proposed area. The Applicant must clarify which maps are to be considered for this application.

Separate from the mapping information requested above, Staff recommends the Applicant provide the following information in order for Staff to conduct its technical review:

Technical Review

- The Applicant must file an electronic copy of Princeton's current approved wastewater purchase contract with North Texas Municipal Water District in the docket.
- The Applicant must file a business plan for the proposed area including infrastructure cost and funds or finances available to pay for the cost.

Any sensitive information provided should be filed confidentially.

Staff's review of sewer CCN applications is a meticulous, time intensive practice, and Staff has limited resources to process this kind of application. Princeton has the burden of providing the required information with its application in a timely manner. Processing of the application cannot proceed until the requested items are received and reviewed. In order to afford Staff the opportunity to provide a thorough analysis of this application, Staff respectfully recommends that Princeton cure the deficiencies in its application by July 1, 2016 and that Staff be required to provide a supplemental recommendation by August 5, 2016.

III. Proposed Procedural Schedule

Due to the deficiencies in the application, Staff does not recommend a procedural schedule for the evaluation of the merits at this time. Staff recommends that Princeton cure the deficiencies in its application by July 1, 2016 and that Staff be required to provide a supplemental recommendation by August 5, 2016.

IV. Conclusion

Staff respectfully requests that an order be issued consistent with this Recommendation.

Dated: June 2, 2016

Respectfully Submitted,

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Kristy Nguyen, GIS Specialist Water Utilities Division

Date:

June 02, 2016

Subject:

Docket No. 45919; Application of City of City of Princeton to Amend its Sewer

Certificate of Convenience and Necessity in Collin County

On May 2, 2016, the City of Princeton (Applicant or Princeton) filed an application to amend its sewer Certificate of Convenience and Necessity (CCN) No. 21057 in Collin County pursuant to 16 Tex. Admin. Code §§ 24.8 and 24.102-24.106 (TAC) and Tex. Water Code § 13.246(c) (TWC).

The purpose of the application is for the Applicant to add sewer service areas to their CCN boundaries. Staff has reviewed the information in the application, and recommends the application be deemed deficient in mapping content. In order to continue processing the application, Staff recommends the Applicant provide the following requested information.

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Separate from the mapping information requested above, the Applicant must also provide the following information in order for Staff to conduct their technical review.

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