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APPLICATION OF VINEYARD RIDGE, LLC TO OBTAIN A WATER CERTIFICATE OF CONVENIENCE AND NECESSITY IN GILLESPIE COUNTY

PUBLIC UTILITY COMMISSION

OF TEXAS

COMMISSION STAFF'S RECOMMENDATION ON SUFFICIENCY OF NOTICE

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

I. BACKGROUND

On March 15, 2017, Vineyard Ridge, LLC (Vineyard Ridge) filed an application to obtain a water Certificate of Convenience and Necessity (CCN) in Gillespie County. On May 3, 2017, Vineyard Ridge supplemented its application.

On June 21, 2017, the administrative law judge (ALJ) issued Order No. 4 which found Vineyard Ridge's application administratively complete and required Staff to file a recommendation on the sufficiency of notice by July 24, 2017. This pleading is therefore timely filed.

II. NOTICE REQUIREMENTS

Staff has reviewed Vineyard Ridge's proof of notice and, as supported by the attached memorandum of Fred Bednarski of the Water Utilities Division, recommends Vineyard Ridge's notice be found sufficient. The notices filed July 17, 2017 meet the requirements of TWC § 13.246 and 16 TAC § 24.106.

III. PROPOSED PROCEDURAL SCHEDULE

Staff recommends the notice be found sufficient. Staff therefore proposes the following procedural schedule:

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Event	Date
Notice completed	July 12, 2017
Deadline for intervention	August 11, 2017 ¹
Deadline for Staff to provide final maps, certificates, and tariffs (if applicable), to Applicant for review and consent	October 11, 2017
Deadline for Applicant to file signed consent forms with the Commission	October 25, 2017
If no hearing is requested, deadline for Staff to file a final recommendation on the Application	November 1, 2017
If no hearing is requested, deadline for parties to file joint proposed findings of fact and conclusions of law	November 8, 2017

IV. CONCLUSION

Staff respectfully requests the issuance of an order consistent with the above recommendation.

¹ Pursuant to 16 TAC § 24.106(a)(3), the intervention deadline is 30 days after the mailing or publication of notice, whichever occurs later. Notice was mailed on June 29, 2017, and published on July 5, 2017 and July 12, 2017. Therefore, 30 days after July 12, 2017 is August 11, 2017.

Dated: July 19, 2017

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 July 19, 2017 in accordance with 16 TAC § 22.74.

TJ Harris

PUC Interoffice Memorandum

To:

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Thru:

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Water Utilities Division

From:

Fred Bednarski, Financial & Managerial Review Specialist

Water Utilities Division

Date:

July 19, 2017

Subject:

Docket No. 46948; Application of Vineyard Ridge, LLC to Obtain a Certificate of

Convenience and Necessity in Gillespie County

On March 15, 2017, Vineyard Ridge, LLC, (Vineyard or Applicant) filed with the Public Utility Commission of Texas (Commission) an application to obtain a water Certificate of Convenience and Necessity in Gillespie County, Texas pursuant to Texas Water Code Ann. (TWC), §§ 13.242 to 13.250 and the 16 Tex. Admin Code (TAC) §§ 24.101 to 24.107.

Vineyard filed notice documentation on July 17, 2017. Staff has since reviewed the documentation and determined that notice is sufficient and meets the requirements of TWC § 13.246 and 16 TAC § 24.106.