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To whom it may Concern:

My name is Tracey Lerich, President of Lil Countryside WSC and we are seeking an exemption from running a public notice in the newspaper.

Lil Countryside was instructed to run a full page ad* in the Hunt County newspaper. Our VP, Tracy Smith was informed it would cost 842\$. At this time we still haven't received our license (CCN) to collect money from this water system.

We are a small system w/14 connections. On 5-23-16 we were told by TCEQ that we had to form a water supply Corporation or drill personal wells. We are under ^{the} temporary management of Paula Weber w/ Ables Springs WSD,* since 7-2016.

We have complied w/all other procedures set out by PUC, TCEQ, SOS, Hunt Cnty + TRWA. But because of the cost to run this ad we regrettably cant comply. We have no bank account + no funds coming in. I personally have spent 445\$ out of pocket + I just dont have anymore money to invest. My husband is out of work after having 2 strokes, since 3-26-15.

We seek relief from this one requirement. We have notified all surrounding water systems + property owners w/ 25 acres or more.

Thank you for your consideration

sincerely

*See Attached

Tracey Lerich
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Through: Lisa Fuentes, Manager
Water Utilities Division

From: Andrew Novak, Financial Analyst
Water Utilities Division

Date: April 24, 2017

Subject: **Docket No. 46986:** *Application of the Lil Countryside WSC to obtain a Water Certificate of Convenience and Necessity in Hunt County*

On March 23, 2017, Lil Countryside WSC (Applicant) filed with the Public Utility Commission of Texas (Commission) an application to obtain a water Certificate of Convenience and Necessity (CCN) in Hunt 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. The requested area includes approximately 573 acres and 15 current customers.

A Staff review of the original filing on March 23, 2017, found that the information is sufficient for filing and recommends the application be deemed administratively complete. Staff further recommends the following:

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- 1) The Applicant be ordered to provide notice of the application to the following:
 - a) any districts, utilities, and cities within two (2) miles of the proposed area;
 - b) the county judge of each county and each groundwater conservation district that is wholly or partly included in the proposed area to be certified;
 - c) each city with an extraterritorial jurisdiction (ETJ) that is wholly or partly included in the proposed area to be certified;
 - d) landowners who own a tract of land that is at least 25 acres and is wholly or partly located in the proposed area to be certified. The landowner information may be obtained from the county appraisal district tax rolls for the county or counties in which the proposed CCN is located; and
 - e) publish notice once each week for two (2) consecutive weeks in a newspaper of general circulation in Hunt County.

Instructions for running ad

- 2) The applicant also provide correct notice of the application to the following entities:

- Able Springs WSC (CCN No. 10819)
- Aqua Texas Inc (CCN No. 13201)
- Cash SUD (CCN No. 10824)
- City of Quinlan (CCN No. 10925)
- Hunt County Judge
- Poetry WSC (CCN No. 10815)
- Sabine River Authority
- Sunrise MUD of Hunt County
- Union Valley Ranch MUD of Hunt County
- Whispering Oaks Water Coop (CCN No. 11680).

*← We did notify
all water systems
as of 6-8-17*

(The Ad 2pgs)

Notice to Neighboring Systems, Cities and Landowners

NOTICE OF APPLICATION TO OBTAIN A CERTIFICATE OF CONVENIENCE AND NECESSITY (CCN) FOR THE PROVISION OF WATER SERVICE IN HUNT COUNTY, TEXAS

To: _____ Date Notice Mailed: ____, 2017

(Name of neighboring systems, cities and landowners)

(Address)

(City) State Zip

- notice 2 Run
in County
newspaper

Lil Countryside Water Supply Corporation has submitted an application with the Public Utility Commission of Texas to obtain a CCN to provide water service in Hunt County.

The proposed utility area is located within approximately 5 miles Southwest of downtown Quinlan, Texas, and is generally bounded on the north by CR 2400; on the east by CR 2316; on the south by CR 2316 and CR 2320; and on the west by CR 2400.

The total area being requested includes approximately 573 acres and serves 15 current customers.

See enclosed map of the proposed service area.

You may request a public hearing. A request for a public hearing must be in writing and include: (1) your name, mailing address, and daytime telephone number; (2) the Utility name, docket number or another recognizable reference to this application; (3) the statement, "I/we request a public hearing"; (4) a brief description of how you or the persons you represent would be adversely affected by the granting of the application for a CCN; and (5) your proposed adjustment to the application which would satisfy your concerns and cause you to withdraw your request for a hearing.

Hearing requests, comments or requests to intervene should be filed with the:

Public Utility Commission of Texas
Central Records
1701 N. Congress, P. O. Box 13326
Austin, TX 78711-3326

within thirty (30) days from the date of this publication or notice. A public hearing will be held only if a legally sufficient hearing request is received or if the Commission on its own motion requests a hearing. Only those individuals who submit a written request will receive notice if a hearing is scheduled.

If a valid public hearing is requested, the Commission will forward the application to the State Office of Administrative Hearings (SOAH) for a hearing. If no settlement is reached and an evidentiary hearing is held, SOAH will submit a recommendation to the Commission for a final decision. An evidentiary hearing is a legal proceeding similar to a civil trial in state district court.

A landowner with a tract of land at least 25 acres or more, that is partially or wholly located within the requested area, may file a written request with the Commission to be excluded from the requested area ("opt out") within (30) days from the date that notice was provided by the Utility. All opt out requests must include a large scale map and a metes and bounds description of the landowner's tract of land.

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In addition, the landowner must also send a copy of the opt out request to the Utility. Staff may request additional information regarding your request.

Si desea informacion en Espanol, puede llamar al 1-512-936-7221

**PETITION FOR AN EMERGENCY
ORDER APPOINTING A TEMPORARY
MANAGER TO WEST OAKS PHOENIX
CORPORATION UNDER TEXAS
WATER CODE § 13.4132(b)**

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**PUBLIC UTILITY COMMISSION
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OF TEXAS**

ORDER AFFIRMING EMERGENCY ORDER

At a hearing held on June 29, 2017, the presiding administrative law judge admitted evidence offered by Commission Staff supporting the emergency order issued by the Commission in this docket on June 7, 2017. Thereafter, the Commission held a hearing to consider the emergency order.

The Commission affirms the emergency order dated June 7, 2017 that appointed Ms. Paula Weber as the temporary manager of West Oaks Phoenix Corporation until December 22, 2017, or until another utility is certificated to provide service to West Oaks Phoenix Corporation, whichever occurs sooner.

SIGNED AT AUSTIN, TEXAS the 29th day of June 2017.

PUBLIC UTILITY COMMISSION OF TEXAS


KENNETH W. ANDERSON, JR., COMMISSIONER


BRANDY MARTY MAROUEZ, COMMISSIONER