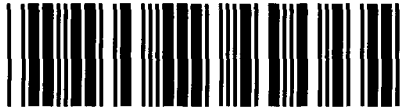




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**APPLICATION OF LIBERTY  
UTILITIES (WOODMARK) CORP. TO  
AMEND A SEWER CERTIFICATE OF  
CONVENIENCE AND NECESSITY IN  
SMITH COUNTY (COOKS RANCH)**

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**PUBLIC UTILITY COMMISSION  
OF TEXAS**

**ORDER NO. 1  
REQUIRING COMMENTS ON ADMINISTRATIVE COMPLETENESS  
AND NOTICE; REQUESTING PROCEDURAL SCHEDULE, AND  
ADDRESSING OTHER PROCEDURAL MATTERS**

**I. Application**

On May 16, 2017, Liberty Utilities (Woodmark) Corp. filed an application to amend its sewer certificate of convenience and necessity number 20679 in Smith County. The total service area being requested includes approximately 38 acres and 48 current customers.

**II. Requiring Comments on the Administrative Completeness of Application  
and Proposed Notice**

On or before **June 16, 2017**, Commission Staff shall file comments on the administrative completeness of the application and proposed notice.<sup>1</sup> By **June 16, 2017**, the applicant and Commission Staff shall file comments/recommendation regarding how this application should be processed and propose a procedural schedule. Notice of this application will appear in the *Texas Register* on June 2, 2017.

**III. Discovery**

Discovery may proceed informally; however, objections to Requests for Information (RFIs) must be filed and served within 10 days of receiving the RFI. Objections shall include a statement that negotiations were conducted diligently and in good faith. If the parties are unable to resolve a discovery dispute, a motion to compel a response to an RFI must be filed and served within 5 working days of receipt of an objection. The motion to compel shall specify the grounds for the motion.

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<sup>1</sup> 16 Tex. Admin. Code § 24.8(a) (TAC).

#### IV. Filings

Unless otherwise specified, an original and 10 copies of documents relating to this proceeding must be filed with the Commission filing clerk.<sup>2</sup> A copy of each document filed with the Commission must also be served on all parties.<sup>3</sup> All filings can be accessed on the PUC Interchange, <http://interchange.puc.texas.gov>.

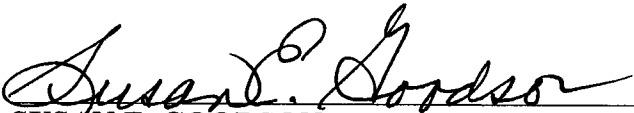
All parties shall provide their current addresses, telephone and facsimile numbers, if available, to all other parties and the Commission by filing and serving all parties with such information. Each party shall provide the Commission and all parties with updated address, telephone, and facsimile information if such information changes. The telephone and facsimile numbers will be placed on the service list for the convenience of the parties. Parties are responsible for updating their own service lists to reflect changed information and the addition of any other parties.

#### V. Ex Parte Communications

*Ex parte* communications with the administrative law judges (ALJ) and presiding officer are prohibited.<sup>4</sup> Parties shall communicate with the ALJs only through written documents filed with the Commission's Filing Clerk and served on all parties. Questions concerning this order or any other order must be submitted in writing, filed with the Commission, and served on all parties of record.

Signed at Austin, Texas on the 19<sup>th</sup> day of May 2017.

PUBLIC UTILITY COMMISSION OF TEXAS

  
SUSAN E. GOODSON  
ADMINISTRATIVE LAW JUDGE

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<sup>2</sup> 16 TAC § 22.71.

<sup>3</sup> 16 TAC § 22.74.

<sup>4</sup> 16 TAC § 22.3(b)(2).