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APPLICATION OF RANCHLAND
PROPERTY OWNERS ASSOCIATION,
INC. AND CITY OF KOUNTZE FOR
SALE AND TRANSFER OF
FACILITIES AND CERTIFICATE
RIGHTS IN HARDIN COUNTY

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**ORDER NO. 1
REQUIRING COMMISSION STAFF COMMENTS/RECOMMENDATION**

I. Application

On June 14, 2017, Ranchland Property Owners' Association, Inc. and the City of Kountze filed an application for approval of the sale, transfer, or merger of facilities and certificate rights in Hardin County. Specifically, City of Kountze seeks to acquire all of the water assets and certificated service area of Ranchland under water certificate of convenience and necessity number 12945. The area being requested is approximately 220 acres and serves 15 current customers.

II. Establishing Deadline for Commission Staff's Recommendation

Commission Staff shall file, on or before **July 14, 2017**, comments/recommendation regarding administrative completeness of this application,¹ whether additional notice may be required to comply with the applicable procedural rules, and propose a schedule for processing.

The Commission will submit notice of this application for publication in the *Texas Register* on June 30, 2017.

III. Filings

Unless otherwise specified, an original and 10 copies of documents relating to this proceeding must be filed with the Commission filing clerk.² A copy of each document filed with

¹ 16 Texas Administrative Code § 24.8(a) (TAC),

² 16 TAC § 22.71.

the Commission must also be served on all parties.³ 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 this proceeding. Parties are responsible for updating their own service lists to reflect changed information and the addition of any other parties.

IV. Ex Parte Communications

Ex parte communications with the administrative law judges and presiding officer (collectively, ALJs) are prohibited.⁴ 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 the 20th day of June 2017.

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JEFFREY J. HUHN
ADMINISTRATIVE LAW JUDGE

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³ 16 TAC § 22.74.

⁴ 16 TAC § 22.3(b)(2).