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APPLICATION OF JOE C. DESMIT §  
DBA KNOB HILL WATER SYSTEM §  
AND KNOB HILL WATER UTILITY §  
CORP. FOR SALE, TRANSFER, OR §  
MERGER OF FACILITIES AND §  
CERTIFICATE RIGHTS IN DENTON §  
COUNTY §

PUBLIC UTILITY COMMISSION  
OF TEXAS

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

**I. Application**

This Order addresses the December 22, 2017 application of Joe C. Desmit dba Knob Hill Water System and Knob Hill Water Utility Corp. for the sale, transfer, or merger of facilities and certificate rights in Denton County. Specifically, Joe C. Desmit seeks approval to transfer all of its water service area under certificate of convenience and necessity No. 11414 to Knob Hill Water Utility Corp. The total area being requested includes approximately 40 acres and serves 76 current customers.

**II. Establishing Deadline for Commission Staff's Recommendation**

Commission Staff shall file, on or before January 22, 2018, a recommendation regarding administrative completeness of this application,<sup>1</sup> whether additional notice may be required to comply with the applicable rules, and propose a schedule for processing.

The Commission will submit notice of this application for publication in the *Texas Register*.

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<sup>1</sup> 16 Texas Administrative Code (TAC) § 24.8(a).

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### III. Filings

Unless otherwise specified, an original and ten 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> Filings can be accessed on the PUC Interchange, <http://interchange.puc.texas.gov>.

All parties shall provide their current addresses, telephone and fax 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 fax information if such information changes. The telephone and fax 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.<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 the 2<sup>nd</sup> day of January 2018.

PUBLIC UTILITY COMMISSION OF TEXAS

  
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JEFFREY J. HUHN  
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).