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**APPLICATION OF CITY OF LOS
FRESNOS AND EAST RIO HONDO
WATER SUPPLY CORPORATION
FOR APPROVAL OF A SERVICE
AREA CONTRACT UNDER TEXAS
WATER CODE § 13.248 AND TO
AMEND CERTIFICATES OF
CONVENIENCE AND NECESSITY IN
CAMERON COUNTY**

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**COMMISSION STAFF'S RECOMMENDATION REGARDING THE SUFFICIENCY
OF NOTICE AND PROPOSED PROCEDURAL SCHEDULE**

COMES NOW the Staff of the Public Utility Commission of Texas (Staff), representing the public interest, and files this Commission Staff's Recommendation Regarding the Sufficiency of Notice and Proposed Procedural Schedule.

I. BACKGROUND

On March 13, 2018, the City of Los Fresnos (City) and East Rio Hondo Water Supply Corporation (ERHWSC) (together, Applicants) filed an application with the Public Utility Commission of Texas for approval of a service area contract under Tex. Water Code § 13.248 (TWC), to amend Certificates of Convenience and Necessity (CCN) Nos. 11554 (City) and 11552 (ERHWSC) in Cameron County, Texas. Specifically, the Applicants seek single certification in CCN service areas where they are currently dually certificated. Additionally, an approximately 33.72 acre service area with no existing customers that is signally certificated to the City will be transferred to ERHWSC.

On June 29, 2018, the Administrative Law Judge (ALJ) issued Order No. 3 requiring that the applicant file signed affidavits of notice and copies of the notice sent to the affected parties. The ALJ also required Staff to file, within 10 days of the applicant filing proof of completed notice, a recommendation on sufficiency of notice and a proposed procedural schedule. The applicant filed proof of notice on July 18, 2018, making Staff's recommendation due on or before July 28, 2018. Therefore, this pleading is timely filed.

II. STAFF'S RECOMMENDATION ON THE SUFFICIENCY NOTICE

The City submitted proof of notice on July 18, 2018. Staff has reviewed the proof of notice as submitted by the City. Staff respectfully recommends that the proof of notice be deemed sufficient.

III. PROPOSED PROCEDURAL SCHEDULE

Staff recommends the following procedural schedule for this proceeding:

Event	Date
Notice completed	July 18, 2018
Deadline for intervention	August 17, 2018 ¹
Deadline for Staff to provide final maps, certificates, and tariffs (if applicable), to Applicant for review and consent	September 17, 2018
Deadline for Applicant to file signed consent forms with the Commission	October 1, 2018
If no hearing is requested, deadline for Staff to file a final recommendation on the Application	October 8, 2018
If no hearing is requested, deadline for parties to file joint proposed findings of fact and conclusions of law	October 15, 2018

IV. CONCLUSION

Staff respectfully requests that the Applicant's proof of notice be found sufficient and that the above procedural schedule be adopted.

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 July 18, 2018 and there was no requirement that notice be published in this proceeding. Therefore, 30 days after July 18, 2018 is August 17, 2018.

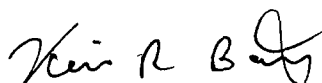
Dated: July 24, 2018

Respectfully Submitted,

**PUBLIC UTILITY COMMISSION OF
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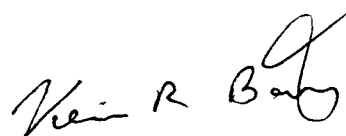


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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I certify that a copy of this document will be served on all parties of record on this the 24th of July, 2018 in accordance with 16 TAC § 22.74.



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