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**PETITION TO REVOKE GALCO
UTILITIES' CERTIFICATE OF
CONVENIENCE AND NECESSITY
PURSUANT TO TEXAS WATER CODE
§ 13.254 AND 16 TEXAS
ADMINISTRATIVE CODE § 24.245**

**PUBLIC UTILITY COMMISSION
OF TEXAS**

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PUBLIC UTILITY COMMISSION
CLERK

DEFAULT ORDER

This Default Order addresses the petition of Commission Staff to revoke the water certificate of convenience and necessity (CCN) of Galco Utilities for violations of the Texas Water Code and Commission rules. The Commission grants the petition, by default, and revokes Galco's CCN number 10736.

I. Findings of Fact

The Commission makes the following findings of fact.

CCN Holder

1. Galco is registered with the Texas secretary of state as a domestic for-profit corporation under file number 15637000.
2. Galco is authorized to provide water service under CCN number 10736 in Harris County.

Commission Staff's Petition

3. On June 13, 2018, Commission Staff filed its petition in this proceeding, in which it seeks to revoke the CCN of Galco for failure to provide continuous and adequate water service.
4. The petition alleges that Galco is no longer providing and is incapable of providing continuous and adequate water service and, therefore, its CCN should be revoked under Texas Water Code (TWC) § 13.254(a)(1) and 16 Texas Administrative Code (TAC) § 24.245(i)(1)(A) (*formerly* § 24.113(i)(1)(A)).
5. Galco's CCN was issued on November 1, 1979.
6. Galco's status with the Texas secretary of state is listed as inactive.
7. The Commission's records indicate that Galco is no longer in business and the facilities it used to provide water service are inactive.

8. Galco is no longer providing and is incapable of providing continuous and adequate water service.

Notice

9. The Commission's records list Galco's address as: 12620 IH45 N., Houston, Texas 77060.
10. On June 13, 2018, Commission Staff sent copies of the petition, by certified mail, return receipt requested, to: (a) the address of Galco as shown in the Commission's records; and (b) the address for Galco's registered agent for process, as shown in the records of the Texas secretary of state.
11. The petition notified Galco that it was entitled to request a hearing within 30 days after the filing of the petition, and included the following admonition, in at least 12-point, bold-face type:

The factual allegations listed in Commission Staff's Amended Petition and Notice of Opportunity for a Hearing could be deemed admitted and the relief sought herein could be granted by default if you fail to timely request a hearing.

Evidentiary Record

12. In Order No. 3 issued on August 14, 2019, the administrative law judge admitted, as evidence in the record of this proceeding, the affidavit of Tasha Lopez and the documents that are attached to Ms. Lopez's affidavit, marked as Attachment Two to Commission Staff's response to Order No. 1 and motion for entry of a default order filed on July 27, 2018.

The Motion for Default

13. On July 27, 2018, Commission Staff filed a motion for entry of a default order.
14. The motion for default was served upon Galco in the same way that the petition was served.

Grounds for Default

15. More than 30 days have passed since service of the petition to Galco.
16. Galco did not request a hearing on the merits, and did not respond to the petition.
17. More than 30 days have passed since service of the motion for default.
18. Galco did not respond to the motion for default.

II. Conclusions of Law

The Commission makes the following conclusions of law.

1. The Commission has jurisdiction over this matter under TWC § 13.254.
2. Galco is a retail public utility under 16 TAC § 24.3(59).
3. As the holder of CCN number 10736, Galco is obligated to serve every consumer within its certified area and render continuous and adequate service within the area under TWC § 13.250 and 16 TAC § 24.247.
4. Because Galco is no longer providing and is incapable of providing continuous and adequate service in the area covered by its CCN in violation of TWC § 13.250 and 16 TAC § 24.247, the Commission is entitled to revoke the CCN under TWC § 13.254(a)(1) and 16 TAC § 24.245(i)(1)(A).
5. Adequate notice was provided to Galco in compliance with 16 TAC §§ 22.54 and 22.183, and Texas Government Code § 2001.054.
6. Galco's failure to request a hearing within 30 days of the notice of an opportunity for a hearing qualifies this proceeding for disposition by default under 16 TAC § 22.183.

III. Ordering Paragraphs

In accordance with these findings of fact and conclusions of law, the Commission issues the following orders:

1. The Commission deems the allegations in Commission Staff's petition as true.
2. The Commission takes official notice of its records that contain the address of Galco.
3. The motion for default is granted and Galco's CCN number 10736 is revoked.
4. The Commission directs Commission Staff to update its records accordingly.
5. The Commission is not constrained in any manner from requiring additional action or penalties for violations that are not raised here.
6. The Commission denies all other motions and any other requests for general or specific relief, if not expressly granted.

Signed at Austin, Texas the 20th day of August 2019.

PUBLIC UTILITY COMMISSION OF TEXAS


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