



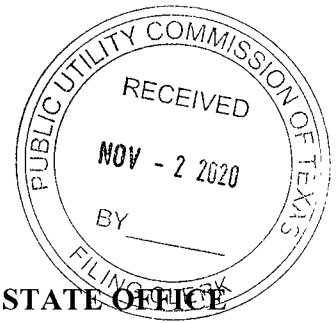
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**SOAH DOCKET NO. 473-20-1674.WS
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APPLICATION OF NORTHTOWN ACRES WATER SUPPLY FOR AUTHORITY TO CHANGE RATES	§ § §	BEFORE THE STATE OFFICE OF ADMINISTRATIVE HEARINGS
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**NORTHTOWN ACRES' NOVEMBER 2020 STATUS UPDATE
AND REQUEST TO UNABATE**

COMES NOW Sheroll and Roger Richardson d.b.a. Northtown Acres Water Supply (Northtown Acres) and files this status update on Docket No. 50819 in response to SOAH Order No. 7 and respectfully requests that this case be unabated.

I. Introduction

SOAH Order No. 7 requires Northtown Acres to file a status update regarding the pending sale, transfer, merger (STM) between the Estate of Herb Madison and Northtown Acres and the amendment to the certificate of convenience and necessity (CCN Amendment), Docket No. 50819, on the first day of each odd numbered month. As such, this pleading is timely filed.

II. Background on Docket No. 50819

Northtown Acres filed the STM and CCN Amendment with the Public Utility Commission (Commission) by the May 6, 2020, deadline required by SOAH Order No. 4. The STM was docketed as Docket No. 50819.

On October 16, 2020, the Commission approved the transaction and set procedures for closing of the transaction and finalizing the proceeding.

III. Request to Unabate this Proceeding

Northtown Acres respectfully requests that the current proceeding be unabated. This case was originally filed on January 18, 2019, and was transferred to SOAH eleven months later, on December 18, 2019. Once the case was at SOAH, Commission Staff filed a motion to abate noting that the CCN was held in the name of Sheroll Richardson's father, Herb Madison, who passed away in 2013. Sheroll and Roger Richardson d.b.a. Northtown Acres have been providing water to its customers and managing the utility ever since. The motion to abate, filed by Staff on January 28, 2020, was intended to permit Northtown Acres to file, and the Commission to approve, an STM transferring the utility from the Estate of Herb Madison to Northtown Acres. Now that the Commission has approved the financial, managerial, and technical capabilities of Northtown Acres

and has approved the STM to proceed, Northtown Acres respectfully requests that this case be unabated.


Northtown Acres has been in contact with Staff and parties to this case to discuss next steps. No agreement has been reached to date with all parties on unabatement, the need for or contents of an amended application, the need, if any, for new notice, and a procedural schedule. However, Northtown Acres requests that the Administrative Law Judges permit parties three weeks to continue discussions and if no agreement is reached by November 23, 2020, that the Administrative Law Judges schedule a prehearing conference to determine the need for and contents of an amended application, the need, if any, for new notice, and a procedural schedule.

IV. Conclusion

For the above stated reasons, Northtown Acres respectfully requests that this case be un-abated, that parties be permitted until November 23, 2020, to reach an agreement on procedures for this case, and absent agreement, that the ALJs set a prehearing conference to determine the need for and contents of an amended application, the need, if any, for new notice, and a procedural schedule.

Dated: November 2, 2020

Respectfully submitted,



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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I certify that a copy of this document will be served on all parties of record on November 2, 2020, in accordance with 16 TAC § 22.74.



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