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**APPLICATION OF ECHO HILLS POA  
WATER SYSTEM FOR AN EXEMPT  
UTILITY REGISTRATION**

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**PUBLIC UTILITY COMMISSION  
OF TEXAS**

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**ORDER NO. 8  
REQUIRING ADDITIONAL CLARIFICATION**

In this matter, Echo Hills POA Water System seeks to be registered as an exempt utility. Exempt utility registration is an option by which a small water or sewer system (less than 15 potential connections) may provide service without having to obtain a certificate of convenience and necessity (CCN). Stated differently, a small water or sewer system can either: (1) operate under a CCN, or (2) operate under exempt status; it cannot simultaneously do both.

According to information filed by Commission Staff on January 7, 2020, the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality (TCEQ) issued water CCN number 12553 to Echo Hills in 2009. There is no indication that CCN number 12553 has ever been revoked or cancelled, and the Commission's records list the CCN as "active."

The parties are directed to confer and, by January 31, 2020, report as follows:

- Confirm or deny whether Echo Hills already has a CCN for the water system for which it now seeks exempt status; and
- If Echo Hills already has a CCN for the water system, explain whether Echo Hills wishes to:
  - Withdraw this application and continue operations under its CCN; or
  - Proceed with this application and add a request that the CCN be cancelled.

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Signed at Austin, Texas the 10<sup>th</sup> day of January 2020.

**PUBLIC UTILITY COMMISSION OF TEXAS**

  
**HUNTER BURKHALTER**  
**ADMINISTRATIVE LAW JUDGE**

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