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#### Garcia, Desiree

From: Journeay, Stephen

**Sent:** Monday, November 4, 2019 3:52 PM **To:** agency\_req\_rep@oag.texas.gov

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Hulme, John; Journeay, Stephen; Garcia, Desiree

**Subject:** Request representation related to Rocket SUD v PUC Commissioners, No. 19-cv-1007-

RP, W.D. Tex.

Attachments: Petition and Summons.pdf; Petition and Summons 2.pdf

Mr. Darren L. McCarty, Deputy, Attorney General for Civil Litigation

Re: Rocket Special Utility District v. Commissioners of the PUC and Red Oak Development Co., No. 19-cv-1007, W. Dist. Tex.

Dear Mr. McCarty:

Rocket SUD has filed suit to seeking a declaration that provision of chapter 13 of the Texas Water Code are preempted by federal law and to enjoin the Commissioners from continuing a proceeding currently at the Commission.

Attached are the summons received by the Commission. I have discussed this matter with Mr. John Hulme of your office, who has a copy of the petition, motion, and attachments.

This e-mail is to request representation by the Attorney General in this matter.

If you need further information, please call me at 512-936-7215

Stephen Journeay Commission Counsel

Ofice of Policy and Docket Management Public Utility Commission of Texas

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# United States District Court

DELIVERED: 10 12011 WESTERN DISTRICT OF TEXAS **AUSTIN DIVISION** Assured Civil Process Agency ROCKETT SPECIAL UTILITY DISTRICT. a political subdivision of the State of Texas Plaintiff, Civil Action No. 19-CV-1007-RP JURY TRIAL DEMANDED SHELLY BOTKIN, DEANN T. WALKER, and ARTHUR C. D'ANDREA, in their official capacities as Commissioners of the PUBLIC UTILITY COMMISSION OF TEXAS; JOHN PAUL URBAN, in his official capacity as Executive Director of the PUBLIC UTILITY COMMISSION OF TEXAS; ALAMO MISSION LLC, a Delaware limited liability Company; and RED OAK

#### SUMMONS IN A CIVIL ACTION

TO:

VS.

JOHN PAUL URBAN EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF THE TEXAS PUBLIC UTILITY COMMISSION WILLIAM B. TRAVIS BLDG. 1701 N. CONGRESS AVENUE, 7TH FLOOR **AUSTIN, TX 78701** 

A lawsuit has been filed against you.

INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION,

Defendants.

a Texas non-profit corporation,

Within 21 days after service of this summons on you (not counting the day you received it) — or 60 days if you are the United States or a United States agency, or an officer or employee of the United States described in Fed. R. Civ. P. 12 (a)(2) or (3) — you must serve on the plaintiff an answer to the attached complaint or a motion under Rule 12 of the Federal Rules of Civil Procedure. The answer or motion must be served on the plaintiff's attorney, whose name and address are:

Will W. Allensworth wwa@aaplaw.com Matthew C. Ryan mcr@aaplaw.com **ALLENSWORTH & PORTER** 100 Congress Avenue, Suite 700 Austin, Texas 78701 (512) 708-1250

If you fail to respond, judgment by default will be entered against you for the relief demanded in the complaint. You also must file your answer or motion with the court

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- VIII. Related Cases. This section of the JS 44 is used to reference related pending cases, if any. If there are related pending cases, insert the docket numbers and the corresponding judge names for such cases.

Date and Attorney Signature. Date and sign the civil cover sheet.

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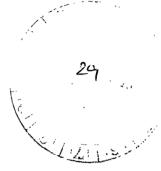
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WESTERN DISTRICT OF TEXAS **AUSTIN DIVISION** 

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Plaintiff,	Civil Action No. 19-CV-1007-RP
VS	) JURY TRIAL DEMANDED
SHELLY BOTKIN, DEANN T. WALKER, and ARTHUR C. D'ANDREA, in their official capacities as Commissioners of the PUBLIC UTILITY COMMISSION OF TEXAS; JOHN PAUL URBAN, in his official capacity as Executive Director of the PUBLIC UTILITY COMMISSION OF TEXAS; ALAMO MISSION LLC, a Delaware limited liability Company; and RED OAK INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION, a Texas non-profit corporation,	29
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TO:

SHELLY BOTKIN COMMISSIONER OF THE PUBLIC UTILITY COMMISSION OF TEXAS WILLIAM B. TRAVIS BLDG. 1701 N. CONGRESS AVENUE, 7TH FLOOR **AUSTIN, TX 78701** 

A lawsuit has been filed against you.

Within 21 days after service of this summons on you (not counting the day you received it) — or 60 days if you are the United States or a United States agency, or an officer or employee of the United States described in Fed. R. Civ. P. 12 (a)(2) or (3) — you must serve on the plaintiff an answer to the attached complaint or a motion under Rule 12 of the Federal Rules of Civil Procedure. The answer or motion must be served on the plaintiff's attorney, whose name and address are:

Will W. Allensworth wwa@aaplaw.com Matthew C. Ryan mcr@aaplaw.com ALLENSWORTH & PORTER 100 Congress Avenue, Suite 700 Austin, Texas 78701 (512) 708-1250

If you fail to respond, judgment by default will be entered against you for the relief demanded in the complaint. You also must file your answer or motion with the court.

JEANNETTE J. CLACK

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VS.

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Civil Action No.: 19-CV-1007

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Jury Trial Demanded

Defendants.

# PLAINTIFF'S ORIGINAL COMPLAINT

COMES NOW Rockett Special Utility District, and for its Original Complaint against Defendants Shelly Botkin, Deann T. Walker and Arthur C. D'Andrea, in their official capacities as Commissioners of the Public Utility Commission of Texas; John Paul Urban in his official capacity as Executive Director of the Public Utility Commission of Texas; Alamo Mission LLC; and City of Red Oak Industrial Development Corporation, respectfully states and alleges as follows:

#### JURISDICTION AND VENUE

- 1. This Court has jurisdiction under 28 U.S.C. § 1331, as this case is based on a federal question claim brought under 7 U.S.C. § 1926(b) ("1926(b)"), 42 U.S.C. § 1983 ("1983"), and U.S. Const. art. VI, cl. 2, otherwise known as the Supremacy Clause. This Court has jurisdiction over Plaintiff's claims for declaratory judgment under the Federal Declaratory Judgment Act, 28 U.S.C. §§ 2201 and 2202, and Rule 57 of the Federal Rules of Civil Procedure.
- 2. Venue is proper in this judicial district under 28 U.S.C. § 1391(b)(1) and (2) because at least one Defendant resides in this judicial district, and a substantial part of the events giving rise to Plaintiff's claims occurred, and continues to occur, in this judicial district.

#### **PARTIES**

3. Rockett Special Utility District ("Rockett") is a political subdivision of the State of Texas and is a retail public utility operating under Chapter 65 of the Texas Water Code furnishing water to areas in Ellis and Dallas Counties. Rockett is an "association" as that term is used in 7 U.S.C. § 1926(a). Rockett is indebted on a loan guaranteed by the United States Department of Agriculture ("USDA"). Rockett holds the federal right to be the exclusive water service provider within any area for which Rockett has the legal right to provide water service and has provided or made service available (can provide water service within a reasonable period of time),

which includes the land described in the "Petitions" referenced in paragraphs 10 and 11 below ("Land at Issue"). (Rockett moves the District Court to take judicial notice of said Petitions pursuant to Fed. R. Evid. 201.)<sup>1</sup>

4. Defendants Shelly Botkin, Deann T. Walker and Arthur C. D'Andrea, (collectively referred to as the "Commissioners") are commissioners for the Public Utility Commission of Texas, a state agency ("PUC"). The Commissioners are named as Defendants solely in their official capacities as commissioners of the PUC. The Commissioners are charged with the primary responsibility for regulating, and implementing the state's laws concerning, electric, telecommunication, and water and sewer utilities. The Commissioners may be served with process by serving each at the William B. Travis Building, 1701 North Congress Avenue, 7th Floor, Austin, TX 78701.

#### Rockett seeks only prospective injunctive relief against the Commissioners.

"To ensure the enforcement of federal law ... the Eleventh Amendment permits suits for prospective injunctive relief against state officials acting in violation of federal law."

Frew v. Hawkins, 540 U.S. 431, 437 (2004). See also Pzifer, Inc. v. Texas Health & Human Servs. Comm'n, No. 1:16-CV-1228-LY, 2017 WL 11068849, at \*2 (W.D. Tex. Sept. 29, 2017); Nelson v. Univ. of Tex. At Dallas, 535 F.3d 318, 322 (5th Cir. 2008).

¹ The Public Utilities Commission filings are public records available online here: <a href="http://interchange.puc.texas.gov/">http://interchange.puc.texas.gov/</a>. Rockett asks the Court to take judicial notice of the following filings: Control Number 49871, Item Number 1 (Petition by City of Red Oak for Expedited Release); Control Number 49871, Item Number 10 (Commission's Staff Recommendation on Final Disposition of Red Oak Petition); Control Number 49863, Item Number 1 (Petition by Alamo for Expedited Release); Control Number 49863, Item Number 2 (Commission's Staff Response to Oider No. 4 in Alamo Petition). Copies of these orders are attached to this motion as Exhibits A through D respectively.

5. Defendant John Paul Urban ("Urban"), in his official capacity as Executive Director of the Texas Public Utility Commission, is named as a Defendant solely with respect to his official capacity as Executive Director of the PUC. Urban may be served with process at the William B. Travis Building, 1701 North Congress Avenue, 7th Floor, Austin, TX 78701.

### Rockett seeks only prospective injunctive relief against Urban.

- 6. Defendant Alamo Mission LLC ("Alamo") is a Delaware limited liability company, authorized to conduct business in the State of Texas. Alamo may be served with process by serving its registered service agent: Corporation Service Company dba CSC Lawyers Incorporating Company, 211 E. 7<sup>th</sup> Street, Suite 620, Austin, Texas 78701-3218.
- 7. Defendant City of Red Oak Industrial Development Corporation ("Red Oak") is a Texas nonprofit corporation incorporated under the Development Corporation Act of 1979 (Chapter 504, Texas Local Government Code). Red Oak may be served with process on its registered service agent: Todd Fuller, 200 Lakeview Parkway, Red Oak, Texas 75154.

#### **DEFENDANTS' VIOLATIONS OF 7 U.S.C. § 1926(b)**

8. On March 27, 2019 this Court entered the following judgment against the Commissioners and ordered:

#### "The court ORDERS AND DECLARES:

- (1) PUC Officials' Final Order of September 28, 2016, in the matter titled Tex. Pub. Util. Comm'n, *Petition of Las Colinas San Marcos Phase ILLC*, Docket No. 46148 was entered in violation of 7 U.S.C. § 1926(b) and is void.
- (2) <u>7 U.S.C. § 1926 preempts and voids</u> the following section of Tex. Water Code § 13.254(a-6): "The utility commission may not deny a petition received under Subsection (a-5) based on the fact that a certificate holder is a borrower under a federal loan program."
- (3) To the extent that Tex. Water Code § 13.254(a-5) directs PUC Officials to grant a petition for decertification that meets the requirements of that provision without regard to whether the utility holding the certification is federally indebted and otherwise entitled to the protections of 7 U.S.C. § 1926(b), the statute is preempted and is void.
- IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that the PUC, its officers, employees, and agents are permanently enjoined from enforcing in any manner the order of September 28, 2016, in the matter titled Tex. Pub. Util. Comm'n, Petition of Las Colinas San Marcos Phase I LLC, Docket No. 46148 (Final Order)."

Crystal Clear Special Util. Dist. v. Walker, No. 1:17-CV-254-LY, 2019 WL 2453777, at \*2 (W.D. Tex. Mar. 27, 2019). (Emphasis added.)

9. Prior to this Court entering judgment against the Commissioners and declaring Tex. Water Code §§ 13.254(a-5) and (a-6) void (relative to entities that enjoy the protection of 1926(b)) the Commissioners suggested that they had no choice but to follow state law despite that law being directly contradictory to federal law. U.S. Magistrate Judge Andrew Austin (Western District) stated in his recommendation to this Court:

"Thus, regardless of whether § 13.254(a-5) explicitly directs the PUC to consider the provisions of 7 U.S.C. § 1926(b), the PUC has no choice in the matter, as the Constitution compels it to consider that applicable federal law. The fact that the PUC suggests otherwise is troubling. Generally, a court should be as circumscribed as possible when it determines the scope of a ruling invalidating a statute, and this is particularly true when there are both separation of powers and federalism issues implicated, as there are here. But the PUC Officials' suggestion that they have no choice but to follow state law even in the face of a directly contrary federal law—despite the fact that the agency has a general counsel and a staff full of attorneys—supports Crystal Clear's argument that the Court should go further than simply enjoining enforcement of § 13.254(a-6).<sup>4</sup> Accordingly, the Court has added in its recommended relief, a declaration regarding § 13.254(a-5) as well."

Crystal Clear Spec. Util. Dist. v. Walker, No. A-17-CV-00254-LY, 2018 WL 6242370, at \*4 (W.D. Tex. Nov. 29, 2018), report and recommendation adopted as modified sub nom. Crystal Clear Special Util. Dist. v. Walker, No. 1:17-CV-254-LY, 2019 WL 2453777 (W.D. Tex. Mar. 27, 2019). (Emphasis added.)

The Commissioners have willfully and intentionally disregarded (if not repudiated) the judgment of this Court and have persisted in ignoring the protections afforded by 1926(b) to qualifying associations such as Rockett. The Commissioners have persisted in considering actions such as those filed by Defendants Alamo and Red Oak, to enforce Tex. Water Code § 13.254(a-5) ("(a-5)") and Tex. Water Code § 13.254(a-6) ("(a-6)") despite the fact that (a-5) and (a-6) have been adjudicated void by this Court, under the circumstances and subject to the limitations described above by U.S. District Judge Lee Yeakel (when the object of the enforcement is an entity which qualifies for 1926(b) protections) and despite the fact that Rockett is entitled to the protections of 1926(b).

10. On August 16, 2019, more than 4 months after judgment was entered in *Crystal Clear*, Defendant Alamo filed its Petition with the PUC (case number 49863) seeking a decertification of property situated within Rockett's Certificate of Convenience and Necessity ("CCN") purportedly owned by Defendant Alamo, pursuant to Tex. Water Code § 13.254(a-5). After Alamo was notified that Rockett was indebted on a loan guaranteed by the USDA and qualified for the protections of 1926(b), Alamo ignored this notice and intensified its efforts to diminish and alter the territory for which Rockett holds the legal right to provide water service under Rockett's CCN. This form of interference with Rockett's federal rights under 1926(b) is a violation of 1926(b), as Alamo is seeking to reduce the customer pool for Rockett within Rockett's protected service area.

"Indeed, the type of encroachment contemplated by § 1926(b) is not limited to the traditional guise of an annexation followed by the city's initiation of water service. It also encompasses other forms of direct action that effectively reduce a water district's customer pool within its protected area. See id. at 716 ("[T]he question becomes whether McAlester's sales to customers ... purport to take away from Pitt 7's § 1926 protected sales territory.")."

Rural Water Dist. No. 4, Douglas Cty., Kan. v. City of Eudora, Kan., 659 F.3d 969, 985 (10th Cir. 2011) (Emphasis added.)

All land that Alamo seeks to decertify is situated within Rockett's CCN 10099.

11. On August 19, 2019, more than 4 months after judgment was entered in *Crystal Clear*, Defendant Red Oak filed its Petition with the PUC (case number 49871) seeking a decertification of Rockett's CCN regarding property purportedly

owned by Defendant Red Oak, pursuant to Tex. Water Code § 13.254(a-5). After Red Oak was notified that Rockett was indebted on a loan guaranteed by the USDA and qualified for the protections of 1926(b), Red Oak ignored this notice and continued its efforts to diminish and alter the territory for which Rockett holds the legal right to provide water service. This form of interference with Rockett's federal rights under 1926(b) is a violation of 1926(b) as Red Oak is seeking to reduce the customer pool for Rockett within Rockett's protected service area. All land Red Oak seeks to decertify is situated within Rockett's CCN 10099.

- 12. Defendants Alamo and Red Oak have been placed on formal written notice that the Texas statutes on which their Petitions for Decertification depend, namely (a-5) and (a-6), have been adjudged unconstitutional and void under circumstances identical to those present here. Despite notice provided to Alamo and Red Oak, that Rockett qualifies for 1926(b) protection, and the judgment entered in *Crystal Clear*, Alamo and Red Oak have persisted in pursuing their Petitions to Decertify the Land at Issue.
- 13. Defendant Commissioners knew, after judgment was entered in *Crystal Clear*, that any new Petition filed with the PUC pursuant to (a-5), against an entity such as Rockett, that was and is entitled to the protections of 1926(b), was premised on a statute that was void and unenforceable.

- 14. Despite Rockett notifying the PUC and documenting for the PUC Rockett's federally guaranteed loan that remains outstanding and requesting that the PUC dismiss the Alamo and Red Oak Petitions for Decertification which sought relief under (a-5), the PUC has failed and refused to dismiss the Alamo and Red Oak Petitions for Decertification.
- 15. Staff for the Commissioners has warned the Commissioners in writing regarding this matter, namely that the Commissioners should "alternatively" consider abating any consideration of the Alamo Petition for Decertification of portions of Rockett's territory "until the courts resolve this issue", but as of the date of the filing of this Complaint, the Commissioners have not respected nor observed the prior rulings of this Court in *Crystal Clear* or warnings from the Commissioners' staff.<sup>2</sup>
- 16. Rockett is indebted on a loan guaranteed by the USDA ("Guaranteed Loan"). A USDA guaranteed loan qualifies Rockett for 1926(b) protection.

"Under Section 1926(a), "such loans" include loans the government makes or insures, see id. § 1926(a)(1), and loans the government guarantees, see id. § 1926(a)(24). Therefore, under § 1926(b), the federal guarantee of [a] private loan may be considered one "such loan" for purposes of meeting the requirements of § 1926(b)."

Rural Water Dist. No. 4, Douglas Cty., Kan. v. City of Eudora, Kan., 659 F.3d 969, 976 (10th Cir. 2011). (Emphasis added.)

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> PUC staff made the same suggestion—for abatement of the two proceedings—pending resolution by "the courts". See Exhibit B at p. 4; Exhibit D at p. 2.

- 17. The Petitions for Decertification filed by Alamo and Red Oak with the PUC, specifically allege that the property for which decertification is sought is within the CCN granted to Rockett by the State of Texas.
- 18. Rockett is entitled to 1926(b) protection because (1) Rockett is indebted on a loan guaranteed by the USDA, and (2) Rockett has "made service available" because of its legal obligation to provide water service pursuant to its CCN.

"Under § 1926(b), the service area of utility association may not be curtailed or limited so long as (1) the association has an outstanding loan under § 1926; and (2) the association has "made available" service. N. Alamo Water Supply Corp. v. City of San Juan, Tex., 90 F.3d 910, 915 (5th Cir. 1996) (per curiam); see also Green Valley Special Util. Dist. v. City of Cibolo, Tex., 866 F.3d 339, 341 (5th Cir. 2017)."

Green Valley Special Util. Dist. v. Walker, 351 F. Supp. 3d 992, 1002 (W.D. Tex. 2018).

"On appeal, the Fifth Circuit explicitly held "that the Utility's state law duty to provide service is the legal equivalent" of making service available under § 1926(b). Id. It then affirmed "on the strength of [the lower court's] alternative legal and factual determinations." Id."

Id. at 1003 (citing N. Alamo, 90 F.3d at 916) (emphasis added).

Independent of the fact that Rockett has satisfied the "made service available" element of 1926(b) under 5<sup>th</sup> Circuit law, because Rockett holds a CCN with respect to the Land at Issue, Rockett has also satisfied the "made service available" element of 1926(b) as that phrase is interpreted by other Federal Circuit Courts of Appeals, by reason of the fact that Rockett has "pipes in the ground" within or adjacent to the

property Alamo and Red Oak seek to decertify, and Rockett has the physical ability to satisfy the *legitimate* domestic water needs for the Land at Issue or can provide water service within a reasonable period of time.

19. Rockett's "territory" for which it has the *legal right* to provide water service under Texas law, which includes land identified in the Petitions that Defendants Alamo and Red Oak have filed with the PUC (referenced above in numbered paragraphs 10 and 11), cannot be diminished or altered after Rockett became indebted on a loan guaranteed by the USDA.

"In addition to these principles defining the protection § 1926(b) affords rural water districts from competition, state law cannot change the service area to which the protection applies, after that federal protection has attached. See Pittsburg County, 358 F.3d at 715. For instance, "where the federal § 1926 protections have attached, § 1926 preempts local or state law that can be used to justify a municipality's encroachment upon disputed area in which an indebted association is legally providing service under state law." Pittsburg County, 358 F.3d at 715 (quotation, alteration omitted)."

Rural Water Sewer & Solid Waste Mgmt. v. City of Guthrie, 344 F. App'x 462, 465 (10th Cir. 2009), certified question answered sub nom. Rural Water Sewer & Solid Waste Mgmt., Dist. No. 1, Logan Cty., Oklahoma v. City of Guthrie, 2010 OK 51, 253 P.3d 38. (Emphasis added.)

Defendants Alamo and Red Oak are engaged in an attempt to diminish or alter the territory of Rockett, through their Petitions filed with the PUC in violation of 1926(b).

20. Any doubts regarding whether Rockett is entitled to the protections of 1926(b) must be resolved in Rockett's favor. Rockett's territory is sacrosanct.

"In order to achieve both of these stated purposes, "[d]oubts about whether a water association is entitled to protection from competition under § 1926(b) should be resolved in favor of the F[M]HA-indebted party seeking protection for its territory." Sequoyah Cnty. Rural Water Dist. No. 7, 191 F.3d at 1197 (citing North Alamo Water Supply Corp., 90 F.3d at 913 and Jennings Water, Inc., 895 F.2d at 315(citing five federal courts which have held that § 1926 should be liberally interpreted to protect FmHA-indebted rural water associations from municipal encroachment)).

In addition to interpreting § 1926(b) broadly to "indicate a congressional mandate" that local governments not encroach upon the services provided by federally indebted water associations, regardless of the method of encroachment, the Fifth Circuit has gone so far as to designate "the service area of a federally indebted water "sacrosanct", emphasizing association" as the virtually unassailable right of an indebted association to protection from municipal encroachment, North Alamo Water Supply Corp., 90 F.3d at 915; see also Bear Creek Water Ass'n, Inc., 816 F.2d at 1059(affirming that one dollar of debt would be enough to afford the statute's protection because Congress "literally proscribed interference by competing facilities ... 'during the term of said loan' ")."

El Oso Water Supply Corp. v. City of Karnes City, Tex., No. SA-10-CA-0819-OLG, 2011 WL 9155609, at \*6 (W.D. Tex. Aug. 30, 2011), report and recommendation adopted, No. CIV. SA-10-CA-819-OG, 2012 WL 4483877 (W.D. Tex. Mar. 19, 2012), judgment entered, No. SA10CA0819-OG, 2012 WL 4747680 (W.D. Tex. Apr. 11, 2012). (Emphasis added.)

21. The Commissioners are precluded from re-litigating the issues decided in *Crystal Clear*.

"Collateral estoppel, or issue preclusion, may be applied to bar relitigation of an issue previously decided by a court of competent jurisdiction where: (1) the issue under consideration is identical to that litigated in the prior action; (2) the issue was fully and vigorously litigated in the prior action; (3) the issue was necessary to support the judgment in the prior case; and (4) there is no special circumstance that

would make it unfair to apply the doctrine. Winters v. Diamond Shamrock Chem. Co., 149 F.3d 387, 391 (5th Cir. 1998) (quoting Copeland, et al. v. Merrill Lynch & Co., et al., 47 F.3d 1415, 1422 (5th Cir. 1995)). "'Complete identity of parties in the two suits is not required." "Robin Singh Educ. Servs. Inc. v. Excel Test Prep Inc., 274 F. App'x 399, 404 (5th Cir. 2008) (quoting Terrell v. DeConna, 877 F.2d 1267, 1270 (5th Cir. 1989)). In Parklane Hosiery Co. v. Shore, 439 U.S. 322 (1979), the seminal Supreme Court case setting out the parameters of the offensive use of collateral estoppel the type at issue here—the Court observed that "[t]he general rule should be that in cases ... [where] the application of offensive estoppel would be unfair to a defendant, a trial judge should not allow the use of offensive collateral estoppel." Id. at 330–31. The Court emphasized, however, that the trial court has broad discretion to determine whether collateral estoppel is appropriately employed offensively to preclude issue relitigation. Id. at 331; see also Winters, 149 F.3d at 392 (highlighting the Supreme Court's grant of broad discretion to trial court's determination of whether offensive collateral estoppel is appropriate)."

Taylor v. Vaughn, No. A-15-CV-648-LY-ML, 2016 WL 11588707, at \*5 (W.D. Tex. July 25, 2016). (Emphasis added.)

#### Count 1

### Violation of 42 U.S.C. § 1983 - Commissioners and Urban

- 22. Rockett incorporates all allegations above.
- 23. In order to state a cause of action under 42 U.S.C. § 1983, Rockett must allege only that some person has deprived it of a federal right and that such person acted under color of state or territorial law. *Gomez v. Toledo*, 446 U.S. 635, 640 (1980).
- 24. Rockett has a federal right under 1926(b) to be protected from any curtailment or limitation of its right to sell water within Rockett's territory.

- 25. Actions of the Commissioners and Urban constitute an attempt to deprive Rockett of its 1926(b) federal rights.
- 26. The actions of the Commissioners and Urban are conducted under color of state law, by virtue of their statutory power to decertify land situated within the boundaries of Rockett's CCN, after Rockett became indebted on a loan which qualified Rockett for 1926(b) protection, and for which Rockett has made water service available, as the term "made water service available" has been interpreted by the 5<sup>th</sup> Circuit and other Federal Circuit Courts of Appeals.
- 27. Rockett has suffered or is in immediate jeopardy of suffering loss and damage as a result of the wrongful acts of the Commissioners and Urban in connection with the Alamo and Red Oak Petitions for Decertification.

#### Count 2

#### Declaratory Judgment – 7 U.S.C. § 1926(b) – All Defendants

- 28. Rockett incorporates by reference all allegations above.
- 29. This claim is brought pursuant to and in accordance with 28 U.S.C. §§ 2201 and 2202, seeking a declaration of the rights and other legal relations of the Parties under 1926(b).
- 30. There exists an actual case or controversy between Rockett and all of the Defendants concerning the Commissioners or Urban's authority to decertify a portion of Rockett's CCN, namely to remove the Land at Issue, from Rockett's

territory (its CCN) to allow Alamo and Red Oak to obtain water service from another entity (presumably the City of Red Oak), and/or whether such decertifications, if not directly prohibited, will negatively affect Rockett's rights under 1926(b) to be the excusive water service provider to the Land at Issue.

- 31. 1926(b) prohibits decertification of any portion of Rockett's CCN if the decertification would function to limit or curtail the water service provided or made available by Rockett or would otherwise allow competition with Rockett within Rockett's CCN, or function to impair the collateral pledged to secure the federally guaranteed loan referenced above or deprive the lender (CoBank) and guarantor (USDA) of their rights in the collateral. Decertification of Rockett's territory/CCN is prohibited. The threatened decertification violates Rockett's 1926(b) rights and any order issued by the PUC or Commissioners, if issued, shall be a nullity and of no force or effect.
- petition received under Subsection (a-5) based on the fact that a certificate holder is a borrower under a federal loan program." This portion of (a-6) has been expressly declared void because it violates the Supremacy Clause. The Commissioners were parties to *Crystal Clear*, and are bound by the judgment entered in that case. (See *Crystal Clear Special Util. Dist. v. Walker*, No. 1:17-CV-254-LY, 2019 WL 2453777 (W.D. Tex. Mar. 27, 2019).) The Commissioners and Urban cannot

disregard the judgment entered in *Crystal Clear*, relative to the Petitions for Decertification filed by Alamo and Red Oak, once notified of Rockett's 1926(b) rights.

- 33. Regardless of whether (a-5) or (a-6) explicitly directs the PUC to disregard the provisions of 1926(b), the PUC has no choice in the matter, as the Constitution compels it to consider and comply with applicable federal law. (See Crystal Clear Spec. Util. Dist. v. Walker, No. A-17-CV-00254-LY, 2018 WL 6242370, at \*4 (W.D. Tex. Nov. 29, 2018), report and recommendation adopted as modified sub nom. Crystal Clear Special Util. Dist. v. Walker, No. 1:17-CV-254-LY, 2019 WL 2453777 (W.D. Tex. Mar. 27, 2019).)
- 34. (a-5) and (a-6) are unconstitutional for the reason that these statutes interfere with Rockett's rights under 1926(b). Any action by the Commissioners or Urban in reliance on or pursuant to (a-5) or (a-6) would frustrate an important federal statutory scheme intended to promote rural development as codified in 7 U.S.C. § 1926.
- 35. (a-5) and (a-6), which are applicable to the Petitions for Decertification filed by Alamo and Red Oak (because those Petitions were filed before September 1, 2019), must be declared preempted, void, and unconstitutional because such statutes are in direct conflict with the purposes and objective of 1926(b). As a result, the Commissioners and Urban have no authority to act upon the Petitions filed by

Alamo and Red Oak relative to Rockett's territory or CCN, and Alamo and Red Oak have no lawful right to pursue said Petitions.

#### Count 3

### Injunctive Relief – All Defendants

- 36. Rockett incorporates by reference all allegations above.
- 37. Rockett does not have a proper and adequate remedy at law and injunctive relief is a proper remedy for violation of 1983 as well as for violations of 1926(b).

Jury Demand - Rockett demands a jury trial as to all issues triable by jury.

#### Prayer

Rockett prays the Court grant the following relief:

- 1. The Court enter a declaration that Texas Water Code § 13.254(a-5) and (a-6) are preempted to the same extent and in the same manner as that specified in Crystal Clear.
- 2. The Court enter a permanent injunction against all of the Defendants precluding any further presentation, prosecution, consideration, or granting relief under the pending Petitions for Decertification filed by Alamo and Red Oak.
- 3. The Court award attorney fees and costs of this action in the form of a judgment in favor of Rockett and against Defendants Alamo and Red Oak.

4. The Court grant such other and additional relief as Rockett demonstrates it is entitled.

Respectfully submitted,

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# **EXHIBIT "A"**



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PETITION BY CITY OF RED OAK INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION FOR	§ § 8	BEFORE THE CONTROL OF STATE OF
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PETITION BY CITY OF RED OAK INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION FOR STREAMLINED EXPEDITED RELEASE FROM ROCKETT SPECIAL UTILITY DISTRICT'S CCN NO. 10099 PURSUANT TO TEXAS WATER CODE § 13.254(a-5), AND 16 TAC §24.245(1)

COMES NOW City of Red Oak Industrial Development Corporation (Petitioner), and files this Petition with the Public Utility Commission of Texas (Commission) for Streamlined Expedited Release from Rockett Special Utility District's Water Certificate of Convenience and Necessity (CCN) No. 10099 pursuant to Texas Water Code (TWC) § 13.254(a-5) and 16 Texas Administrative Code (TAC) § 24.245(l), and in support thereof would show as follows:

#### I. LEGAL AUTHORITY

Petitioner files this petition seeking the streamlined expedited release of property owned by Petitioner in Ellis and Dallas Counties, Texas, from water CCN No. 10099 currently held by Rockett Special Utility District (Rockett). Pursuant to TWC § 13.254(a-5) and 16 TAC § 24.245(l), the owner of a tract of land that is at least 25 acres and that is not receiving service may petition the Commission for a streamlined expedited release of the area from water and sewer CCNs and is entitled to release if the property is located in qualifying counties. Under TWC § 13.254(a-6), the Commission shall grant a petition received pursuant to Subsection (a-5) no later than the 60th day after the date the landowner files the petition. The Commission's rule at 16 TAC § 24.245(l)(6) provides that the petition shall be granted no later than the 60th calendar day after the petition is declared administratively complete.

As fully set out herein, Petitioner meets the legal criteria supporting the requested release.

## II. PETITIONER INFORMATION

Petitioner has no assumed names; it conducts business only under its own name.

Petitioner is a nonprofit corporation incorporated under the Development Corporation Act of 1979, Vernon's Ann. Civ. Stat., Article 5190.6, Section 4A (now contained in Chapter 504, Texas Local Government Code). The Articles of Incorporation of Petitioner were filed with the Secretary of State and approved on February 7, 1994. Petitioner holds Charter No. 1302287-1. As noted in its Articles of Incorporation, Petitioner is organized solely for the purposes of promoting and developing commercial, industrial, manufacturing and medical research enterprises to promote and encourage employment, public health and public welfare, as the duly constituted authority of the City of Red Oak, Texas. Copies of the Charter and the Articles of Incorporation are attached to this Petition as Exhibit A.

Petitioner does not have a parent company, and operates pursuant to the provisions of Chapter 504, Texas Local Government Code.

## III. DECERTIFICATION REQUEST

Petitioner owns approximately 384 acres in Ellis and Dallas Counties (together referred to as the Property). The Property is made up of four tracts of land:

Tract One is composed of approximately 110 acres;

Tract Two is composed of approximately 90 acres;

Tract Three is composed of approximately 99 acres; and

Tract Four is composed of approximately 85 acres.

All of the tracts are within the boundary of Water CCN No. 10099 held by Rockett in Ellis and Dallas Counties, Texas.

None of the Property currently receives, or has ever received, water service from Rockett or from any other retail public utility. Rockett has no facilities in place that would be impacted by

the removal of the Property from its CCN, and no property of Rockett will be rendered useless or valueless, and therefore no compensation is due to Rockett.

All of the criteria set forth in the Texas Water Code and Commission rules entitling Petitioner to a release of the Property from CCN No. 10099 have been met. The Property, and each of the four tracts therein:

- a. is owned by Petitioner;
- b. is more than 25 acres in size;
- c. is not receiving water service;
- d. is within water CCN No. 10099 held by Rockett; and
- e. is located in Ellis or Dallas Counties, which are qualifying counties under the criteria set forth in TWC § 13.254(a-5) and 16 TAC § 24.245(l)(2)(D).

In support of the Petition, Petitioner has attached the following documents:

- Exhibit A Charter and Articles of Incorporation for Petitioner.
- Exhibit B Affidavit of Ben Goodwyn, President of the City of Red Oak Industrial Development Corporation.
- Exhibit C General location map identifying the Property in reference to the nearest county boundary, city, or town. 16 TAC § 24.245(m)(1)(A).
- Exhibit D Detailed map identifying the Property, and the four tracts that make up the Property, in reference to verifiable man-made and natural landmarks, such as roads, rivers, and railroads. 16 TAC § 24.245(m)(1)(B).
- Exhibits E-1 through E-4 Deeds containing metes and bounds descriptions of Property, demonstrating ownership of Property by Petitioner.
- Exhibit F Digital mapping data for the four tracts comprising the Property.
- Exhibit G Proof that copy of the Petition was sent to Rockett, the current CCN holder.

Pursuant to TWC § 13.254 and 16 TAC § 24.245(l)(4)A)(vi), a true and correct copy of this Petition has been sent via certified mail to Rockett, the current holder of CCN No. 10099.

#### IV. CONCLUSION AND PRAYER

Petitioner is entitled to the streamlined expedited release of the Property described herein because it meets all of the criteria in TWC § 13.254(a-5) and 16 TAC § 24.245(1). The Property is greater than 25 acres, is not receiving water service, and is in Ellis and Dallas Counties. Petitioner respectfully requests that the Commission grant this Petition and issue an order under the authority of TWC § 13.254(a-5) releasing the Property from CCN No. 10099 held by Rockett Special Utility District.

Respectfully submitted,

LLOYD GOSSELINK ROCHELLE & TOWNSEND, P.C. 816 Congress Avenue, Suite 1900 Austin, Texas 78701

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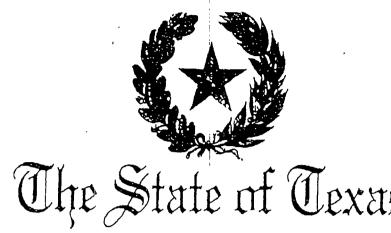
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GEORGIAN. CRUMP State Bar No. 05185500 gcrump@lglawfirm.com

ATTORNEYS FOR CITY OF RED OAK INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION

CHARTER AND ARTICLES OF INCORPORATION FOR CITY OF RED OAK INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION



# SECRETARY OF STATE

# CERTIFICATE OF INCORPORATION

OF

CITY OF RED OAK INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION

CHARTER NO. 1302287-1

The undersigned, as Secretary of State of the State of Texas, hereby certifies that Articles of Incorporation for the above corporation duly signed pursuant to the provisions of the Development Corporation Act of 1979, have been received in this office and are found to conform to law.

ACCORDINGLY, the undersigned, as such Secretary of State, and by virtue of the authority vested in the Secretary by law, hereby issues this Certificate of Incorporation and attaches hereto a copy of the Articles of Incorporation.

Dated February 7, 19 94

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Secretary of State

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EXHIBIT A
FILED
In the Office of the
Secretary of State of Texas

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ARTICLES OF INCORPORATION

CITY OF RED OAK INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT CORPORATIONS Section

We, the undersigned natural persons, each of whom is at least eighteen (18) years of age, a citizen of the State of Texas, and a qualified elector of the City of Red Oak, Texas, as incorporators under the Development Corporation Act of 1979, Vernon's Ann. Civ. St., Article 5190.6, Sec. 4A, do hereby adopt the following Articles of Incorporation for such Corporation:

### ARTICLE I.

The name of the Corporation is CITY OF RED OAK INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION.

ARTICLE II.

The Corporation is a nonprofit corporation.

ARTICLE III.

The duration of the Corporation is perpetual.

## ARTICLE IV.

The Corporation is organized solely for the purposes of promoting and developing commercial, industrial, manufacturing and medical research enterprises to promote and encourage employment, public health and public welfare, all to be done as the duly constituted authority of the City of Red Oak, Texas, and the Corporation may issue bonds on behalf of said City for said purposes and in accordance with the powers granted under the Development Corporation Act of 1979.

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The Corporation shall have no members and is a non-stock corporation.

## ARTICLE VI.

The street address of the initial registered office of the Corporation is 411 West Red Oak Road, Red Oak, Texas, and the name of its initial registered agent at such address is Chip VanSteenberg.

## ARTICLE VII.

All powers of the Corporation shall be vested in a Board of Directors consisting of any number of directors, but not less than five (5) as may be fixed by the bylaws of the Corporation, each of whom shall be appointed by written resolution of the governing

body of the City of Red Oak, Texas, and each of whom shall be a qualified elector of such City. Each director shall serve for a term of three (3) years or until his or her successor is appointed by the governing body of such City; provided, however, that if any director shall at any time be also a member of the governing body of such City, then the term of such director shall never exceed the period for which such director is a member of such governing body. Any director may be removed from office at any time, with or without cause, by written resolution of the governing body of the City. All vacancies, from whatever cause, shall be filled by the governing body of the City.

All other matters pertaining to the internal affairs of the Corporation shall be governed by the bylaws of the Corporation, so long as such bylaws are not inconsistent with these Articles of Incorporation, the Development Corporation Act of 1979, Sec. 4A, or any other law of the State of Texas.

#### ARTICILE VIII.

The number of directors constituting the initial Board of Directors of the Corporation is five (5). The names and addresses of the initial directors, each of whom is a qualified elector of the City of Red Oak, Texas, are:

Address

Bobby Goodloe	P.O. Box 125
Charles Daubitz	P.O. Box 171
Pat DeViney	323 Meadow Lane
Dennis Brown	316 Crestview
Betty Klepper	108 Hidden Lane

Name

## ARTICLE IX.

The names and street addresses of the incorporators, each of whom resides within the City of Red Oak, Texas, are:

Address
207 Pecan Creek 102 Hidden Lane 112 S. Summit, Apt. #8

### ARTICLE X.

On <u>September 28</u>, 1993, the governing body of the City of Red Oak, Texas, duly adopted a resolution approving the form of these Articles of Incorporation, approving the creation of the Corporation and authorizing the Corporation to act on its behalf to further the public purposes stated in said resolution and in Article IV of these Articles of Incorporation.

#### ARTICLE XI.

These Articles of Incorporation may at any time and from time to time be amended by either of the following methods: (1) the members of the Board of Directors of the Corporation may file with the governing body of the City an application in writing seeking permission to amend the Articles of Incorporation, specifying in such application the amendment proposed to be made, and if said governing body by appropriate resolution shall duly find and determine that it is advisable that the proposed amendment be made and shall approve the form of the same and authorize it to be made, then the Board of Directors of the Corporation may amend the Articles of Incorporation by adopting such amendment at a meeting of the Board of Directors and delivering the articles of amendment to the Secretary of State, or (2) the governing body of the City may, in its sole discretion, and at any time, alter or change the structure, organization, programs, or activities of the Corporation (including the power to terminate the Corporation), subject to any limitation on the impairment of contracts entered into by the Corporation, by adopting an amendment to these Articles of Incorporation and delivering articles of amendment to the Secretary of State.

## ARTICLE XII.

No dividends shall ever be paid by the Corporation and no part of its net earnings (beyond that necessary for retirement of the indebtedness of the Corporation or to implement the public purposes of the City for which the Corporation has been created) shall be distributed to or inure to the benefit of its directors or officers or any private person, firm, corporation, or association except in reasonable amounts for services rendered. No substantial part of the Corporation's activities shall be carrying on propoganda, or otherwise attempting to influence legislation, and it shall not participate in, or intervene in (including the publishing or distributing of statements), any political campaign on behalf of or in opposition to any candidate for public office.

## XIII.

If the Corporation ever should be dissolved when it has, or is entitled to, any interest in any funds or property of any kind, real, personal or mixed, such funds or property or rights thereto

shall not be transferred to private ownership, but shall be transferred and delivered to the City, after satisfaction or provision for satisfaction of debts and claims have been made.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, we have hereunto set our hands this 19th day of October , 1993.

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THE STATE OF TEXAS COUNTY OF ELLIS

I, the undersigned, a Notary Public, do hereby certify that on this the 19th day of October, 1993, personally appeared before me Detra L. Grisweld who being by me first duly sworn, declared that he is the person who signed the foregoing instrument as an incorporator, and that the statements therein contained are true.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and seal the

JOANNE RANDALL
NOTARY PUBLIC
STATE OF TEXAS
My Commission Expires
MARCH 12, 1997

Notary Public, State of Texas

THE STATE OF TEXAS COUNTY OF ELLIS

I, the undersigned, a Notary Public, do hereby certify that on this the 22 day of October. 1993, personally appeared before me Troy G. Negarings who being by me first duly sworn, declared that he is the person who signed the foregoing instrument as an incorporator, and that the statements therein contained are true.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and seal the day and year above written.

JOANNE RANDALL
NOTARY PUBLIC
STATE OF TEXAS
My Commission Expires
MARCH 12, 1997

Notary Public, State of Texas

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THE STATE OF TEXAS COUNTY OF ELLIS

JOANNE RANDALL
NOTARY PUBLIC
STATE OF TEXAS
My Commission Expires
MARCH 12, 1997

I, the undersigned, a Notary Public, do hereby certify that on this the 21Th day of October, 1993, personally appeared before me Margie Hawkin's who being by me first duly sworn, declared that he is the person who signed the foregoing instrument as an incorporator, and that the statements therein contained are true.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and seal the day and year above written.

Notary Public, State of Texas

## **EXHIBIT B**

AFFIDAVIT OF BEN GOODWYN, PRESIDENT OF CITY OF RED OAK INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION

**EXHIBIT B** 

DOCKET NO.

PETITION BY CITY OF RED OAK
INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT
CORPORATION FOR
STREAMLINED EXPEDITED
STREAMLINED EXPEDITED
RELEASE FROM ROCKETT
SPECIAL UTILITY DISTRICT'S
CCN NO. 10099 PURSUANT TO
TEXAS WATER CODE §13.254(a-5)
AND 16 TAC § 24.254(I)

BEFORE THE

PUBLIC UTILITY COMMISSION

OF TEXAS

# AFFIDAVIT OF BEN GOODWYN

STATE OF TEXAS §

COUNTY OF ELLIS §

BEFORE ME, the undersigned authority, on this day personally appeared Ben Goodwyn, the affiant, who is known to me. After administering an oath, the affiant testified that:

- 1. My name is Ben Goodwyn. I am over the age of 18 years, of sound mind, and am competent to make this Affidavit. The facts stated herein are within my personal knowledge and are true and correct.
- 2. I am President of the City of Red Oak Industrial Development Corporation (ROIDC), the Petitioner in the above-captioned matter. Exhibit A to the Petition contains true and correct copies of the Charter and Articles of Incorporation of the ROIDC.
- 3. The ROIDC owns approximately \$84 acres of land (the Property), which is located within the boundaries of water CCN No.: 10099 issued to the Rockett Special Utility District (Rockett). The Property is comprised of four tracts of land, each of which contains more than 25 acres. The property is located in Ellis and Dallas Counties, Texas. Exhibits C and D attached to this Petition are true and correct copies of maps identifying the Property, its location, and area of the CCN.

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- 4. The Property is not receiving water service from Rockett, or any other water provider. ROIDC has not requested water service from Rockett or paid any fees or charges to initiate or maintain water service, and there are no billing records or other documents indicating an existing account for the Property.
- 5. Exhibit E is a true and correct copy of the metes and bounds description of the Property.
  - 6. Exhibit F contains the digital mapping data for the four tracts.
- 7. Exhibits G-1 through G-4 contain true and correct copies of deeds demonstrating ROIDC's ownership of the Property.
- 8. Exhibit H is a true and correct copy of the notice provided to Rockett of the filing of this Petition, along with the mailing receipt.
- 9. On behalf of the City of Red Oak Industrial Development Corporation, I request that the Public Utility Commission of Texas release this Property from water CCN No. 10099.

FURTHER AFFIANT SAYETH NOT.

SIGNED this Aday of August, 2019.

Ben Goodwyn

SWORN TO AND SUBSCRIBED BEFORE ME by Ben Goodwyn on August

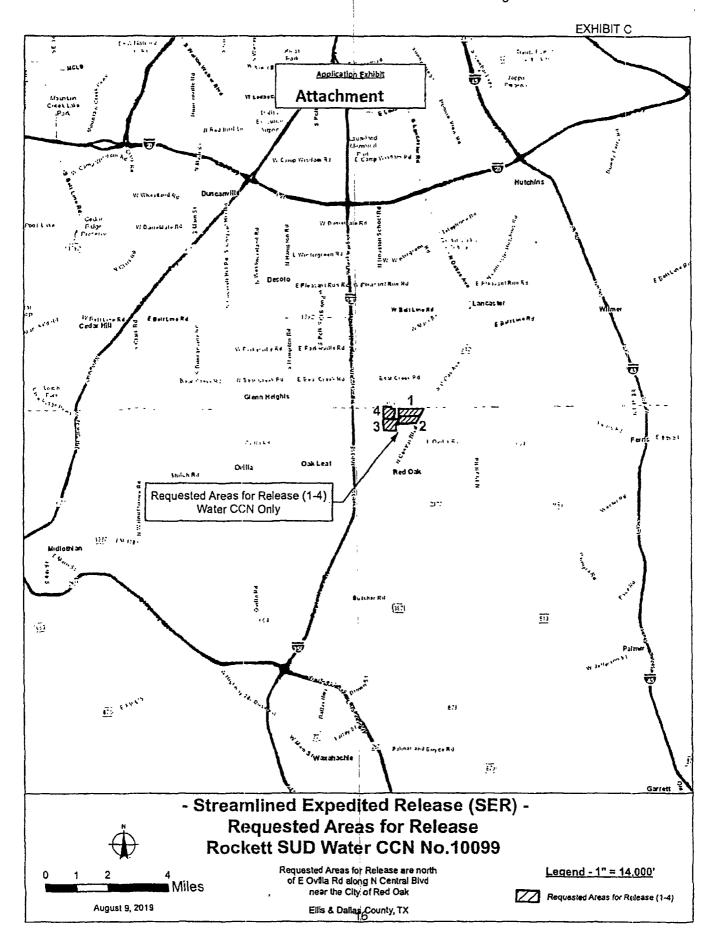
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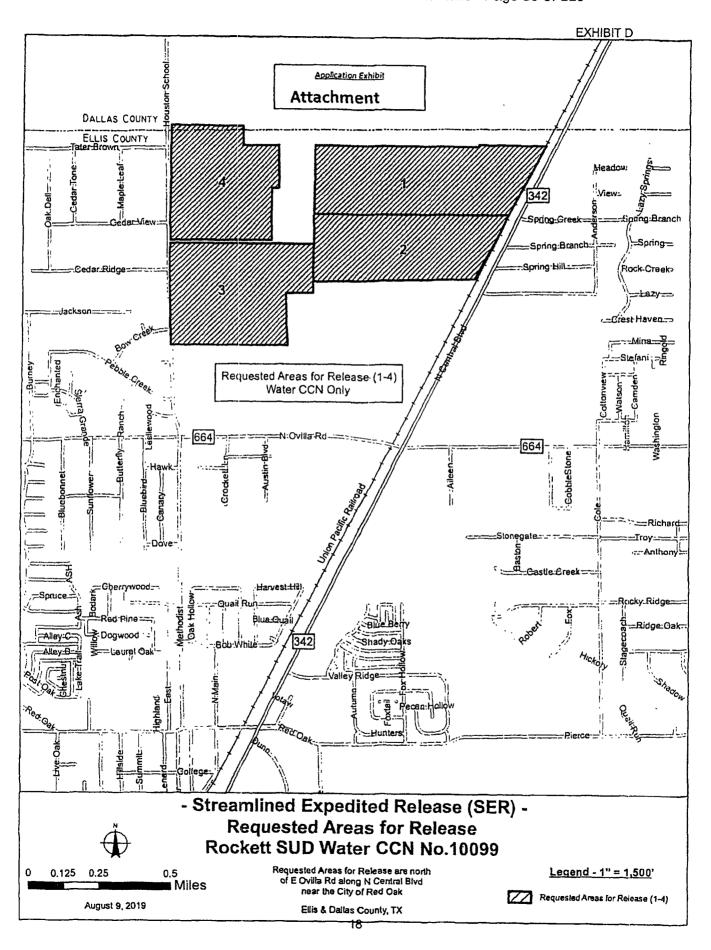
# **EXHIBIT C**

GENERAL LOCATION MAP IDENTIFYING THE PROPERTY IN REFERENCE TO THE NEAREST COUNTY BOUNDARY, CITY, OR TOWN.



# EXHIBIT D

DETAILED MAP
IDENTIFYING THE PROPERTY IN REFERENCE TO VERIFIABLE MAN-MADE AND
NATURAL LANDMARKS



# EXHIBITS E-1 THROUGH E-4

DEEDS CONTAINING METES AND BOUNDS DESCRIPTIONS OF PROPERTY DEMONSTRATING OWNERSHIP OF PROPERTY BY PETITIONER

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EXHIBIT E-1

TRACT ONE

GP#1509137W

NOTICE OF CONFIDENTIALITY RIGHTS: IF YOU ARE A NATURAL PERSON, YOU MAY REMOVE OR STRIKE ANY OF THE FOLLOWING INFORMATION FROM ANY INSTRUMENT THAT TRANSFERS AN INTEREST IN REAL PROPERTY BEFORE IT IS FILED FOR RECORD IN THE PUBLIC RECORDS: YOUR SOCIAL SECURITY NUMBER OR YOUR DRIVER'S LICENSE NUMBER.

#### Revised 09/2014

# TEXAS WARRANTY DEED

(Long Form)

Date:

January 5, 2016

Grantor:

RON RIEKE;

WILLIAM BARRY OWENS, Individually and as Devisee of Sara Owens, Deceased; LINDSAY MEGGS OWENS and MADELYN EDENE RIEKE, as Devisees of Sara Owens,

Deceased

Grantor's Mailing Address (including county):

P. O. Box 645

Meridian, Bosque County, TX 76665-0645

Grantee:

RED OAK INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION

Grantee's Mailing Address (including county):

P. O. Box 393

Red Oak, Eilis County, TX 75154

Consideration: Ten and Na/100 (\$10.00) and other good and valuable consideration

Property (including any improvements):

BEING a tract or parcel of land situated in the City of Red Oak, Ellis County, Texas, and being part of the Edward Shirley Survey Abstract 1013 and being part of the 137.5 acre tract of land conveyed to Ron Ricke, et al by deed recorded in Volume 809 Page 303 the Deed Records of Ellis County and being more particularly described as follows;

BEGINNING at a point for corner at a 1/2" iron rod found at the intersection of the westerly line of the BNSF Railroad right-of-way and the southerly line of said 137.5 acre tract said point also being the northeasterly corner of the 92.0039 acro tract conveyed to Red Qak Industrial Development Corporation by deed recorded October 19, 2015, with County Clerk's Number 1526548 of the Official Public Records of Ellis County;

THENCE due West (record bearing) along the southerly line of said 137.5 acre tract and the northerly line of said 92,0039 acre tract a distance of 3579,98 feet to a point for corner at a 1" from pipe found;

THENCE North 0° 34' 32" West along the westerly line of said 137.5 acre tract and the easterly line

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**EXHIBIT E-1** 

of those tructs of land conveyed to James Murray Scott and James M. Scott et ux, by deeds recorded in Volume 937 Page 96 and Volume 1548 Page 377 of the Official Public Records of Ellis County a distance of 1227.36 feet to a point for corner at a 1/2" iron rod set;

THENCE South 89° 50' 36" East along the general line of a fence a distance of 2221.83 feet to an angle point at a 5/8" iron rod found;

THENCE South 89° 46' 14" East along the general line of a fence a distance of 386.95 feet to an angle point at a 1/2" fron rod found;

THENCE South 89° 47' 59" East along the general line of a fence a distance of 387.94 feet to a point for corner at a corner post;

THENCE North 0° 521 27" West along an offset in a fence a distance of 37.9 feet to a point for corner at a corner post;

THENCE South 89° 21' 53" East along the general line of a feace a distance of 1245.7 feet to a point for corner at a 1" fron pipe found in the westerly line of the BNSF Railroad right-of-way;

THENCE South 28° 29' West along the westerly line of the BNSF Rollrond right-of-way a distance of 1413.51 feet to THE PLACE OF BEGINNING and containing 110.4113 acres.

Reservations from and Exceptions to Conveyance and Warranty:

SUBJECT, however, to all valid outstanding ensements, rights-of-way, mineral and/or ground leases, mineral reservations, mineral conveyances, restrictive covenants of record, and to zoning laws, regulations and ordinances of municipal and other governmental authorities, if any.

Grantor, for the Consideration and subject to the Reservations from Conveyance and the Exceptions to Conveyance and Warranty, grants, sells, and conveys to Grantee the Property, together with all and singular the rights and appurtenances thereto in any wise belonging, to have and hold it to Grantee, and Grantee's heirs, successors, and assigns forever. Grantor binds Grantor and Grantor's heirs, and successors to warrant and forever defend all and singular the Property to Grantee and Grantee's heirs, successors, and assigns against every person whomsoever lawfully claiming or to claim the same or any part thereof, except as to the Reservations from Conveyance and the Exceptions to Conveyance and Warranty.

When the context requires, singular nouns and pronouns include the plural.

WILLIAM BARRY OWENS, Individually and

Dexisee of Sara Oyens, Deceased-

MADELYN EDANE RIEKE, as Devisee of Sara Owens, Decensed

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EXHIBIT E-1

(Acknowledgment)

STATE OF TEXAS COUNTY OF Clip

This instrument was acknowledged before me on the 8 1/2 day of January, 2016, by RON RIEKE

CINDY J SMITH Notary Public State of Texas ID # 4447637 Comm. Expires 3/19/2016

Notary Public, Frate of Texas Notary's name (printed): Notary's commission expires:

(Acknowledgment)

STATE OF TEXAS COUNTY OF COUNTY OF

This instrument was acknowledged before me on the 600 day of January, 2016, by WILLIAM BAKRY OWENS, Individually and as Devisee of Sara Owens, Deceased...

CINDY J SMITH Notary Public State of Texas 10 # 4447637 Comm. Expires 3/19/2016

Notary's name (printed): Notary's commission expires:

(Acknowledgment)

STATE OF TEXAS

This instrument was acknowledged before me on the Late day of Innunty, 2016, by LINDSAY MEGGS OWENS, as Devisee of Sara Owens, Deceased.

CINDY J SMITH Hotary Public State of Texas ID # 4447637 Comm. Expires 3/19/2016

Notary Public, Shirker Texas Notary's name (printed): Notary's commission expires:

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**EXHIBIT E-1** 

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STATE OF TEXAS OLUS

This instrument was acknowledged before me on the 18th duy of January, 2016, by MADELYN EDENE RIEKE, as Devisee of Sam Owens, Deceased.

CINDY J SMITH
Notary Public
State of Texas
1D # 4447637
Comm. Expires 3/19/2016

Notary Public, Sifie of Texas Notary's name (printed): Notary's commission expires:

AFTER RECORDING RETURN TO:

RED OAK IDC P. O. Box 393 Red Onk, TX 75154 PREPARED IN THE LAW OFFICE OF:

James R. Pitts Attorney at Law P. O. Box 561 Waxafinchie, TX 75168

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EXHIBIT E-2

TRACT 2

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Revised 09/2014

# TEXAS WARRANTY DEED

(Long Form)

Date:

October 14, 2015

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ROBERT L. GOODLOE JR. and DOROTHY JEAN GOODLOE

Grantor's Mailing Address (including county):

204 E. Pierce Road

Red Oak, Eills County, TX 75154

Grantce:

RED OAK INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION

Grantee's Mailing Address (including county):

P. O. Box 393

Red Oak, Ellis County, TX 75154

Consideration: Ten and No/100 (\$10.00) and other good and valuable consideration

Property (including any improvements):

Being a tract or parcel of land situated in the City of Red Oak, Ellis County, Texas, and being part of the Edward Shirley Survey Abstract 1013 and being the 92,129 acre First Tract of the land conveyed to Robert L. Goodlee, Jr. by deed recorded in Volume 648 Page 928 the Deed Records of Ellis County and being more particularly described as follows:

BEGINNING at a point for a corner at a 1/2" iron rod set in the westerly line of the BNSF Railroad right-of-way at the southeasterly corner of said First Tract said point also being the northeasterly corner of the 164.58 acre Tract II conveyed to Walton Red Oak Crossing, L.P., by deed recorded in Volume 2606 Page 1744 of the Official Public Records of Ellis County;

THENCE South 89° 59' 34" West (North 89° 57' 10" West, deed) along the southerly line of said 92.129 acre tract and the northerly line of said 164.58 acre tract a distance of 2931.45 feet to a point for corner at a 3" steel post found;

THENCE North 0° 53' 50" East (record bearing) along the westerly line of said 92.129 acre tract and the easterly line of that tract of land conveyed to PSD Land Investment by deed recorded in Volume 2186 Page 2236 and the casterly line of that tract of land conveyed to James Murray Scott by deed recorded in Volume 1548 Page 377 of the Official Public Records of Ellis County a distance of

1231.32 feet to a point for corner at a 1" iron pipe found;

THENCE due East (deed bearing) along the northerly line of said 92.129 acre tract and the southerly line of that 137.5 acre tract conveyed to Ron Ricke by deed recorded in Volume 809 Page 303 of the Deed Records of Eills County a distance of 3579.98 feet to a point for corner at a 1/2" Iron rod set;

THENCE South 28° 29' West (South 28° 32' West, deed) along the easterly line of sold 92.129 acre tract and the westerly line of the BNSF Railroad right-of-way a distance of 1400.31 feet to THE PLACE OF BEGINNING and containing 92.0039 acres.

Reservations from and Exceptions to Conveyance and Warranty:

SUBJECT, however, to all valid outstanding easements, rights-of-way, mineral and/or ground leases, mineral reservations, mineral conveyances, restrictive covenants of record, and to zoning laws, regulations and ordinances of municipal and other governmental authorities, if any.

Grantor, for the Consideration and subject to the Reservations from Conveyance and the Exceptions to Conveyance and Warranty, grants, sells, and conveys to Grantee the Property, together with all and singular the rights and appurtenances thereto in any wise belonging, to have and hold it to Grantee, and Grantee's heirs, successors, and assigns forever. Grantor binds Grantor and Grantor's heirs, and successors to warrant and forever defend all and singular the Property to Grantee and Grantee's heirs, successors, and assigns against every person whomsoever lawfully claiming or to claim the same or any part thereof, except as to the Reservations from Conveyance and the Exceptions to Conveyance and Warranty.

When the context requires, singular nouns and pronouns include the plural.

(Acknowledgment)

STATE OF TEXAS COUNTY OF ELLIS

This instrument was acknowledged before me on the 16th day of October, 2015, by ROBERT L.

GOODLOE, JR. and DOROTHY JEAN GOODLOE.

Notary's name (printed): Notary's commission expires:

STATE OF TEXAS My Comm. Cxp. 03/19/2016

CINDY J. SMITH Lowery Public

AFTER RECORDING RETURN TO: RED OAK IDC P. O. Box 393

Red Oak, TX 75154

PREPARED IN THE LAW OFFICE OF:

James R. Pitts Altorney at Law P. O. Box 561

Waxahachle, TX 75168

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## TEXAS WARRANTY DEED

(Long Form)

Date:

January 7, 2016

Grantor:

PSD LAND INVESTMENTS, also known as PSD LAND INVESTMENT, a Texas

Partnership

Grantor's Mailing Address (including county): 677 Shield Road, Frost, Navarro County, TX 76641

Grantee:

RED OAK INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION

Grantee's Mailing Address (including county): P. O. Box 393, Red Oak, Ellis County, TX 75154

Consideration: Ten and No/100 (\$10.00) and other good and valuable consideration

Property (including any improvements):

BEING a tract or parcel of land situated in the City of Red Oak, Ellis County, Texas, and being part of the A. J. Parks Survey Abstract 850 and the John Spoon Survey Abstract 1014 and being the 100.415 acre tract of land conveyed to PSD Land Investment by deed recorded in Volume 2186 Page 2236 of the Deed Records of Ellis County and being more particularly described as follows;

BEGINNING at a point for corner at a %" iron rod set at the southwesterly corner of said 100.415 acre tract and being in the center of Houston School Road and also being the northwesterly corner of that 57.214 acre tract of land conveyed to First Baptist Church, Red Oak by deed recorded in Volume 1593 Page 850 of the Official Public Records of Ellis County;

THENCE North 1° 28' West (deed bearing) along the westerly line of said 100.415 acre tract and the center of Houston School Road a distance of 963.75 feet to an angle point at a ½" iron rod set;

THENCE North 0° 22' 01" East (North 0° 22' East, deed) along the westerly line of said 100.415 acre tract and the center of Houston School Road a distance of 863.5 feet to a point for corner at a ½" iron rod set;

THENCE due East (record bearing) along the northerly line of said 100.415 acre tract and the southerly line of that 14.9925 acre tract conveyed to James Murray by deed recorded in Volume 1548 Page 377 of the Official Public Records of Ellis County a distance of 2654.1 feet to a point for corner at a 3" iron pipe found;

THENCE South 0° 49' West (deed bearing) along the easterly line of said 100.415 acre tract and a

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westerly line of Tract II conveyed to Walton Red Onk Crossing, LP, by deed recorded in Volume 2606 Page 1744 of the Official Public Records of Ellis County a distunce of 897.5 feet to a point for corner at a %" iron rod set;

THENCE South 1° 27' 11" East along an ensterly line of said 100.415 acre tract and the westerly line of said Tract II a distance of 936.14 feet to a point for corner at a 1/4" from rod found;

THENCE North 89° 16' 15" West (deed bearing) along a southerly line of said 100.415 acre tract a northerly line of said Tract II a distance of 497.61 feet to a point for corner at a 1/4" fron rod found;

THENCE due West (deed bearing) along the southerly line of said 100.415 acre truet and the northerly line of said first Baptist Church Red Oak 57.214 acre tract a distance of 2148.34 feel to THE PLACE OF BEGINNING and containing 100.4145 acres.

Reservations from and Exceptions to Conveyance and Warranty:

SUBJECT, however, to all valid outstanding ensurements, rights-of-way, mineral and/or ground leases, mineral reservations, mineral conveyances, restrictive covenants of record, and to zoning laws, regulations and ordinances of municipal and other governmental authorities, if any.

Grantor, for the Consideration and subject to the Reservations from Conveyance and the Exceptions to Conveyance and Warranty, grants, sells, and conveys to Grantee the Property, together with all and singular the rights and appurtenances therato in any wise belonging, to have and hold it to Grantee, and Grantee's heirs, successors, and assigns forever. Grantor binds Grantor and Grantor's heirs, and successors to warrant and forever defend all and singular the Property to Grantee and Grantee's heirs, successors, and assigns against every person whomsoever lawfully claiming or to claim the same or any part thereof, except as to the Reservations from Conveyance and the Exceptions to Conveyance and Warranty.

When the context requires, singular nouns and pronouns include the plural.

PSD LAND INVESTMENTS, a Texas

Partnership

R. Wayne Beuson, Managing Pariner

(Acknowledgment)

STATE OF TEXAS COUNTY OF ELLIS

This instrument was acknowledged before me on the 7+0 day of January, 2016, by R. WAYNE BEASON, Managing Partner of PSD LAND INVISTIALITY, at exas Portnership, by and on behalf of said partnership.

CINDY J SMITH

Notary Public

State of Texas

State of Texas iD # 4447637 Comm. Expires 3/19/2016 Notary Public, State of Exas Notary's name (printed): Notary's commission expires:

AFTER RECORDING RETURN TO: RED OAK IDC P. O. Box 393 Red Oak, TX 75154 PREPARED IN THE LAW OFFICE OF: James R. Pitts, Attorney at Law P. O. Box 561 Waxahachie, TX 75168

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EXHIBIT E-4

TRACT 4

(TWO DEEDS)

#### GP#1808081

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## TEXAS GENERAL WARRANTY DEED

Deta:

October 18, 2018

Grantor

BRASMO NAVA and ESTELA NAVA

Grantor's Mailing Address (including county):

151 CORPLESIONE CIRCLE RED OAK, ELLIS COUNTY, TX 75154

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RED OAK INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION, INC.

Orantes's Malling Address (including county):

P. O. BOX 393

RED OAK, ELLIS COUNTY, TX 75154

Consideration: Cash and other good and valuable consideration, the receipt and sufficiency of which are

hereby acknowledged.

Property (including any improvements):

BEING a 74.917 sere tract of land situated in the A.J. PARKS SURVEY, ABSTRACT NO. 850, Ellis County, Texas and being a portion of a called \$9,9156 acre tract of land deeded to Houston Road, Inc. by Warranty Deed recorded in Volume 799, Page 385 of the Deed Records of Ellis County, Texas, and being more particularly described by motes and bounds as follows:

BEGINNING at a PK nail with shiner stamped "LANDATA" set for corner in the centerling of Housion School Road (60.0' right-of-way) and being in the west line of said Housion Road, Inc. tract of land and being the most westerly northwest corner of a tract of land deeded to James Murray Scott by Warranty Deeds recorded in Volume 1548, Page 377 and Volume 937, Page 96, Deed Records, Bills County, Texas, said PK nell being to the west line of said A.J. Parks Survey and the east line of the John C. McCommas Survey, Abstract No. 722, from which a 1/2 inch iron rod found for the southwest corner of a tract of land deeded to PSD Land Investment by Warranty Deed recorded in Volume 1590, Page 908, Deed Records, Ellis county, Texas bears South 00 degrees 44 minutes 25 seconds Rast, a distance of 1887.00 fest;

. THENCE North 60 degrees 22 minutes 00 seconds East, with the west line of said Houston Road, Inc. tract of land and the centerline of said Houston School Road, a distance of 1708.26 feet to a 1/2 inch iron red with cap stamped "LANDATA" set for the northwest corner of said Houston Road, Inc. tract of land and the northwest corner of said J. Parks Survey, said 1/2 inch iron rod being the

southwest corner of a treet of land deeded to A.C. Dona by Warranty Deed recorded in Volume 68045, Page 1410 of the Deed Records of Dallas County, Texas and being the southwest corner of the Major W. Spancer Sorvey, Abstract No. 1367;

THENCE North 90 degrees 00 minutes 00 seconds East, with the north line of said Heuston Road, Inc. tract of land and the common line between said Parks and Spencer Surveys, a distance of 1982.26 feet to a 1/2 such iron rod with cap stamped "LANDATA" set for the most northerly northwest corner of said Scott tract of land;

THENCE South 00 degrees 00 minutes 00 seconds East, departing the north line of said Houston Road, Inc. and with the wert line of said Scatt tract of land, a distance of 761.52 feet to a 1/2 inch iron rod with cap stamped "LANDATA" set for corners

THRNCE South 89 degrees 30 minutes 44 seconds West, with the west line of said Scott tract of land, a distance of 130.0 feet to a 1/2 inch iron rod with cap stamped "LANDATA" set for corner;

THENCE South 60 degrees 19 minutes 16 seconds West, with the west line of said Scott tract of land, a distance of 939.86 feet to a 1/2 inch iron rod with cap stamped "LANDATA" set for corner, from which a 1 1/2 inch iron pipe found for the southeast corner of said Houston Road, Inc. and Scott tracts of land, beers South 85 degrees 52 minutes 43 seconds Essa, a distance of \$00.58 feet;

THENCE South 89 degrees 49 minutes 25 seconds Wert, with the north line of said Scott tract of land, a distance of 1255.20 feet to the point of beginning and containing within these mater and bounds 74.917 acres or 3,263,325 square feet of land, more or less.

#### Reservations from Conveyance:

NONE

## Exceptions to Conveyance and Warranty:

Liens described as part of the Consideration and any other liens described in this deed as being either assumed or subject to which title is taken; validly existing estaments, rights-of-way, and prescriptive rights, whether of record or not; all presently recorded and validly existing restrictions, can, reservations, covenants, conditions, oil and gus lesses, mineral interest, and water interests outstanding in persons other than Granfor, and other instruments, other than conveyances of the surface fee estate, that affect the Property; validly axisting rights of adjoining owners in any walls and facces sinuated on a common boundary; any discrepancies, conflicts, or shortages in area or boundary lines; any encroachments or overlapping of improvements; moting laws, regulations and ordinances of manicipal and other governmental authorities, if any; and taxes for 2018, which Grantee assumes and agrees to pay, and subsequent assessment for their and prior years due to change in land usage, ownership, or both, the payment of which Grantee assumes.

Orantor, for the Consideration and subject to the Reservations from Conveyance and the Exceptions to Conveyance and Wurminty, grants, soils, and conveys to Grantee the Property, together with all and singular the rights and appartenances thereto in ear wise belonging, to have and hold it to Grantee, and Grantee's heirs, successors, and successors to warrant and forever defend all and singular the Property to Grantee and Grantee's heirs, successors, and assigns against every person whomscover lawfully claiming or to claim the same or any part thereof, except as to the Reservations from Conveyance and the Exceptions to Conveyance and Warranty.

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(Acknowledgment)

STATE OF TEXAS COUNTY OF ELLIS

This instrument was acknowledged before me on the 19 day of October, 2018, by ERASMO NAVA and ESTELB NAVA.

HAROLD L HARMARD
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Notary ID of GAAGEG
My Commission English
April 11, 1020

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AFTER RECORDING RETURN TO:

RED OAK INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION, INC. P. O. BOX 393 RED OAK, TX 75154 PREPARED IN THE LAW OFFICE OF:

James R. Pitts, Attorney at Law P. O. Box 561 Waxabachie, TX 75168

### GF#1905068

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# TEXAS GENERAL WARRANTY DEED

Date:

July 8, 2019

Grantor:

PABLO ARMENDARIZ and GLORIA ARMENDARIZ

Grantor's Mailing Address (including county): 600 HOUSTON SCHOOL ROAD, RED OAK, ELLIS

COUNTY, TX 75154

Grantee:

RED OAK INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION

Grantee's Mailing Address (including county): P. O. BOX 393, RED OAK, ELLIS COUNTY, TX 75154

Consideration:

Cash and other good and valuable consideration, the receipt and sufficiency of which are

hereby acknowledged.

Property (including any improvements):

BEING 10.39 acres out of the M. W. SPENCER SURVEY, Abstract No. 1288, and also being part of an 80-acre tract of land conveyed to O. L. Worley and C. N. Worley by Deed dated 01/11/1939, and being more particularly described by metes and bounds as follows:

BEGINNING at a 1/2" iron rod found for corner in the East line of Houston School Road. Said iron rod being located East 30 feet from the Southwest corner of a said M. W. Spencer Survey and the Southwest corner of said 80.00 acre tract;

THENCE N 00 degrees 05 minutes 25 seconds (called North with the East line of said Houston School Road and parallel to the West line of said M. W. Spencer Survey and 80.00 acre tract a distance of 352.64 feet to a 1/2" fron rod found for corner in the Common County line of Delias and Ellis County:

THENCE South 59 degrees 30 minutes East with said County line a distance of 1305.05 feet to a 1/2" iron rod found for corner in the East line of said 80.00 acre tract;

THENCE S 00 degrees 05 minutes 36 seconds W (Deed South) with said East line of 30.00 acre tract and parallel to said survey line and Houston School road a distance of 341.23 feet to a 1/2" iron rod found for corner at the Southwest corner of said 80.00 acre tract and said iron rod also being in the South line of said M. W. Spencer Survey;

THENCE S 89 degrees 59 minutes 57 seconds W (Deed West) with said survey line and South line of said 80.00 acre tract a distance of 1305.00 feet to the PLACE OF BEGINNING and Containing 10.38 acres of land.

SAVE & EXCEPT: 0.3321 acres of land conveyed to the State of Texas and being more fully described in Deed filed August 30, 2018, recorded under Instrument No. 1825221 and corrected under Instrument No. 1827103, Official Public Records of Ellis County, Texas.

Reservations from Conveyance: NONE

Exceptions to Conveyance and Warranty:

Liens described as part of the Consideration and any other liens described in this deed as being either assumed or subject to which title is taken; validly existing easements, rights-of-way, and prescriptive rights, whether of record or not; all presently recorded and validly existing restrictions, reservations, covenants, conditions, oil and gas leases, mineral interest, and water interests outstanding in persons other than Grantor, and other instruments, other than conveyances of the surface fee estate, that affect the Property; validly existing rights of adjoining owners in any walls and fences situated on a common boundary; any discrepancies, conflicts, or shortages in area or boundary lines; any encroachments or overlapping of improvements; zoning laws, regulations and ordinances of municipal and other governmental authorities, if any; and taxes for 2019, which Grantee assumes and agrees to pay, and subsequent assessment for that and prior years due to change in land usage, ownership, or both, the payment of which Grantee assumes.

Grantor, for the Consideration and subject to the Reservations from Conveyance and the Exceptions to Conveyance and Warranty, grants, sells, and conveys to Grantee the Property, together with all and singular the rights and appurtenances thereto in any wise belonging, to have and hold it to Grantee, and Grantee's heirs, successors, and assigns forever. Grantor binds Grantor and Grantor's heirs, and successors to warrant and forever defend all and singular the Property to Grantee and Grantee's heirs, successors, and assigns against every person whomsoover lawfully claiming or to claim the same or any part thereof, except as to the Reservations from Conveyance and the Exceptions to Conveyance and Warranty.

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ABLO ARMENDARIZ

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(Acknowledgment)

STATE OF TEXAS COUNTY OF ELLIS

This instrument was aconowledged before me on the

NDARIZ and GLORIA ARMENDARIZ.

HAROLD L BARNARD Notary Public, State of Texas Notary ID # 604066-0 My Commission Expires

April 11, 2020

AFTER RECORDING RETURN TO: RED OAK INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION

P. O. BOX 393 **RED OAK, TX 75154** 

MOUSIO LOCUM Notary Public, State of Taxas Notary's commission expires:

PREPARED IN THE LAW OFFICE OF: James R. Pitts, Attorney at Law P. O. Box 561 Waxahachie, TX 75168



RECEIVED AUG 1 2 2019 CITY OF RED OAK

August 8, 2019

Red Oak Industrial Development Corporation P.O. Box 393 Red Oak, Texas 75154

RE: 10.39 acres, M.W. Spencer Survey, Abstract No. 1233, Ellis County, Texas

To Whom It May Concern:

Ellis County Title Company wanted to notify you that we have filed a correction instrument to the Texas General Warranty Deed dated July 8, 2019 recorded July 10, 2019 regarding 10.39 acres, M.W. Spencer Survey, Abstract No. 1233, Ellis County, Texas. The Texas General Warranty Deed was inadvertently recorded with the incorrect Abstract Number in the legal description on Page 1. The Abstract Number was listed as 1288, when in fact it should have been 1233. The correction instrument corrects the errors.

in accordance with §5.028 (d)(2) of the Texas Property Code, we are required to give notice to each party of the correction of this original instrument by sending a copy of the Correction Affidavit to you,

A copy of the Correction Affidavit is attached for your records.

Please feel free to contact me if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

Harold Barnard

President

WAXAHACHII NOITH-1795 North Highway 77. Suite 101, Waxahachie, TX 75165 P: (469) 517-0160 | F. 469-517-0161

WAXAHACHIF. 408 Ferris Avenue. Waxahachie, TX, 75165 P: (972) 938-2601 | F: 972-938-8341

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# CORRECTION INSTRUMENT

Non-material correction pursuant to §5.028, Texas Property Code

Date: August 8, 2019

Title Company: Ellis County Title Company

Person Executing Correction Instrument: Harold L. Barnard

Mailing Address of Person Executing Correction Instrument: 408 Ferris Avenue

Waxabachie, Ellis County, Texas 75165

Description of Original Instrument ("Original Instrument")

Date. July 8, 2019

Grantor: Pablo Armendariz and Gioria Armendariz

Grantce: Red Oak Industrial Development Corporation

Recording Information: Texas General Warranty Deed recorded July 10, 2019 as Instrument
Number 1919198, Official Public Records, Ellis County, Texas.

This Correction Instrument is filed pursuant to Section 5.028 of the Texas Property Code.

- My full name is Harold L. Barnard. I am over the age of eighteen (18) and am qualified to make these corrections based on my person knowledge of facts relative to the correction.
- I am President and an Escrow Officer at Ellis County Title Company, and I have personal knowledge of the facts relevant to the correction of the above referenced Original Instrument in that I closed the transaction.
- 3. I am making this correction of the Original Instrument, with regard to the following clerical error:

The Original Instrument was inadvertently recorded with the incorrect abstract number in the legal description on Page 1. The abstract number was listed as 1288, when in fact it should have been 1233.

4. The Original Instrument should be corrected as follows with respect to the errors described above, this being a non-material change to the Original Instrument:

Property (including any improvements):

BEING 10.39 acres out of the M. W. SPENCER SURVEY, ABSTRACT NO. 1233, and also being part of an 80-acre tract of land conveyed to O. L. Worley and C. N. Worley by Deed dated 01/11/1939, and being more particularly described by metes and bounds as follows:

BEGINNING at a 1/2" iron rod found for corner in the East line of Houston School Road. Said iron rod being located East 30 feet from the Southwest corner of a said M. W. Spencer Survey and the Southwest corner of said 80.00 acre tract;

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THENCE N 00 degrees 05 minutes 25 seconds (called North with the East line of said Houston School Road and parallel to the West line of said M. W. Spencer Survey and 80.00 acre tract a distance of 352.64 feet to a 1/2" iron rod found for corner in the Common County line of Dallas and Ellis County;

THENCE South 89 degrees 30 minutes East with said County line a distance of 1305.05 feet to a 1/2" iron rod found for corner in the East line of said 80.00 acre tract;

THENCE S 00 degrees 05 minutes 36 seconds W (Deed South) with said East line of 30.00 acre tract and parallel to said survey line and Houston School road a distance of 341,23 feet to a 1/2" iron rod found for corner at the Southwest corner of said 80.00 acre tract and said iron rod also being in the South line of said M. W. Spencer Survey;

THENCE S 89 degrees 59 minutes 57 seconds W (Deed West) with said survey line and South line of said 80.00 acre tract a distance of 1305.00 feet to the PLACE OF BEGINNING and Containing 10.38 acres of land.

#### SAVE & EXCEPT:

Being a 0.3321 acre (14,468 square foot) tract of land situated in the M. W. Spencer Survey, Abstract No. 1367, in the City of Red Oak, Ellis County, Texas, and being a portion of a called 10.38 acre tract of land described in a General Warranty Deed with Vendor's Lien to Pablo Armendariz and spouse, Gloria Armendariz, recorded in Volume 2742, Page 1357, of the Official Public Records of Ellis County, Texas (O.P.R.E.C.T.), and being more particularly described by metes and bounds as follows:

COMMENCING at a 1/2 inch iron rod found (Controlling Monument (CM)) at the common northeast comer of said Armendariz tract and the southeast corner of the remainder (approximately 10.823 acres) of a called 34.689 acre tract of land described in a General Warranty Deed to the R. W. and K. A. Olsen Revocable Living Trust, dated June 3, 1999, recorded in County Clerk's Instrument No. 201500274445, Official Public Records of Dallas County, Texas (O.P.R.D.C.T.), and being on the west line of a called 33.983 acre tract of land described in a General Warranty Deed to James Mossiett and Marilyn Mossett, husband and wife, recorded in recorded in County Clerk's Instrument No. 201300386413, O.P.R.D.C.T., with said point also being on the Dallas-Ellis County Line;

THENCE South 89 degrees 23 minutes 58 seconds West, along said County Line and along the common north line of said Armendariz tract and south line of said Olsen tract, passing at a distance OF 511.93 feet, the southeast comer of the remainder (approximately 2.369 acres) of a called 34.689 tract of land as described in a Warranty Dsed to Larry Harwell, recorded in County Clerk's Instrument No.200501400655, O.P.R.D.C.T., and continuing along said County line and along the common north line of said Armendariz tract and the south line of said Harwell tract, in all, a total distance of 1,131.09 feet to a set 5/8 inch iron rod with a 1 3/4 inch pink plastic cap stamped "TXDOT SURVEY MARKER RIGHT OF WAY MONUMENT" (hereinafter referred to as "with plnk plastic ROW cap") on the new southerly Right-of-Way (ROW) line of Sinte loop 9, for the POINT OF BEGINNING at Station 1098+24.39, 270.00 feet right, and having a Texas Coordinate System, NAD83 (2011), North Central Zone (4202), surface coordinate of North 6,887,148.23, East 2,491,176.38, same being the beginning of a non tangent curve to the right, with the radius point situated North 24 degrees 14 minutes 43 seconds West, a distance of 4,820.00 feet;

THENCE along said non-tangent curve to the right and departing said common line and across said Armendariz tract and along the new southerly ROW line of said State Loop 9. in a southwesterly direction, having a central angle of 00 degrees 59 minutes 35 seconds, a radius of 4,820.00 feet, a chord bearing of South 66 degrees 15 minutes 05 seconds West, a distance of 83.55 feet, and an arc distance of 83.55 feet, to a set 5/8 inch iron rod with pink plastic ROW cap;

THENCE South 32 degrees 49 minutes 04 seconds West, continuing across said Armendariz tract and along the new southerly ROW line of said State Loop 9, a distance of 98.11 feet to a set 5/8 inch iron rod with pink plastic ROW cap;

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THENCE South 05 degrees 51 minutes 12 seconds West, continuing across said Armendariz tract and along the new southerly ROW line of said State Loop 9, a distance of 236,34 feet to a set 5/8 inch from rod with pick plastic ROW cap;

THENCE South 88 degrees 34 minutes 46 seconds West, continuing across said Armendariz tract and along the new southerly ROW line of said State Loop 9, a distance of 7.40 feet to a set 518 inch iron rod with pink plastic ROW cap at Station 1095+63.54, 532.58 feet right, on the west line of said Armendariz tract and the apparent east ROW line of Houston School Road (a variable width ROW - no recording information found), from which a 3/8 lach iron rod found at the southwest comer of said Armendariz tract hears South 01 degrees 01 minutes 34 seconds East, a distance of 2.72 feet (CM);

THENCE North 01 degrees 01 minutes 34 seconds West, along the west line of said Armendariz tract and the apparent east ROW line of said Houston School Road, a distance of 349.70 feet to the northwest corner of said Armendariz tract, said point being on the south line of said Harwell tract, and from which a 3/8 inch iron rod found for a Point of Reference (P.O.R.) bears North 85 degrees 16 minutes 18 seconds West, a distance of 4.52 feet and also from which a cotton gin spindle found in Houston School Road bears South 89 degrees 23 minutes 58 seconds West, a distance of 28.47 feet (CM);

THENCE North 89 degrees 23 minutes 58 seconds East, departing the apparent east ROW line of said Houston School Road and along the common north line of said Armendariz tract and the south line of said Harwell tract, a distance of 167.42 feet to the POINT OF BEGINNING and containing 0.3321 acres (14,468 Square Feet) of land, more or less.

- I have given notice of this correction of the Original Instrument by sending a copy of this Correction Instrument by regular mail delivery to each party to the Original Instrument pursuant to the requirements in Section 5.028 (d)(2) of the Texas Property Code.
- 6. This Correction Instrument will be recorded in all counties where the Original Instrument was recorded.

Person with Personal Knowledge of Correction:

Law D. Garni

STATE OF TEXAS
COUNTY OF ELLIS

This instrument was sworn to and subscribed before me on the OH day of Wysos Harold L. Barnard.

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Notary Public, Statesof Agent

Notary's commission expires:

AFTER RECORDING RETURN TO: Red Oak Industrial Development Corporation P.O. Box 393 Red Oak, Texas 75154 PREPARED IN THE LAW OFFICE OF: James R. Pitts, Attorney at Law P. O. Box 561 Waxahachie, Texas 75168

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# EXHIBIT F

DIGITAL MAPPING DATA (CD)

## **EXHIBIT G**

PROOF OF NOTICE TO ROCKETT SUD

Lloyd Gosselink

**EXHIBIT G** 

B16 Congress Avenue, Suite 1900 Austin, Texas 7870! Telephone: (512) 122-5800 Facsimile: (512) 472-0532

www.lglawflrm.com

Ms. Crump's Direct Line: (512) 322-5832 Email: gerump@iglawfirm.com

August 19, 2019

CERTIFIED MAIL NO. 7016 3560 0000 8464 9100 RETURN RECEIPT REQUESTED

Ms. Kay Phillips General Manager Rockett Special Utility District 126 Alton Adams Drive Waxahachie, TX 75165

RE: City of Red Oak Industrial Development Corporation's Petition for Streamlined Expedited Release from Rockett Special Utility District's Water CCN No. 10099, Pursuant to Texas Water Code § 13.254(a-5) and 16 TAC § 24.245(1)

Dear Ms. Phillips:

I have enclosed a copy of the Petition being filed today at the Public Utility Commission of Texas, on behalf of the City of Red Oak Industrial Development Corporation, for a streamlined expedited release of property owned by the Corporation from the Water Certificate of Convenience and Necessity (CCN) held by Rockett Special Utility District in Ellis County, Texas. The Petition is being filed pursuant to Texas Water Code § 13.254(a-5) and 16 Tex. Admin. Code § 24.245(l).

Sincerely

Georgia N. Crumn

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# **EXHIBIT "B"**

# PETITION OF THE CITY OF RED OAK INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION TO AMEND ROCKETT SPECIAL UTILITY DISTRICT'S WATER CERTIFICATE OF CONVENIENCE AND NECESSITY IN DALLAS AND ELLIS COUNTIES BY EXPEDITED 1019 007 11 PM 1: 35 PUBLIC UTILITY COMMISSION PUBL

#### COMMISSION STAFF'S RECOMMENDATION ON FINAL DISPOSITION

COMES NOW the Staff of the Public Utility Commission of Texas (Staff), representing the public interest, and files this Final Recommendation and would show the following:

#### I. BACKGROUND

On August 19, 2019, the City of Red Oak Industrial Development Corporation (Red Oak) filed a petition for streamlined expedited release from Rockett Special Utility District's (Rockett SUD) water Certificate of Convenience and Necessity (CCN) No. 10099 in Dallas and Ellis Counties, under Texas Water Code (TWC) § 13.254(a-5)<sup>1</sup> and 16 Texas Administrative Code (TAC) § 24.245(l). Red Oak asserts that the land is at least 25 contiguous acres, is not receiving water service, and is located in Dallas and Ellis Counties. which are both qualifying counties. On September 13, 2019, Rockett SUD filed a motion to intervene in this proceeding.

Order No. 2, issued September 25, 2019, granted Rockett SUD's motion to intervene and established October 2, 2019, as the date for Rockett SUD to file a response to the administratively complete petition. Rockett SUD timely filed its response asserting that (1) Rockett SUD is the recipient of a federal loan, and therefore, is entitled to protection under 7 U.S.C. § 1926; and (2) the property for which Red Oak seeks streamlined expedited release is receiving water service. Order No. 3, issued October 10, 2019, extended the deadline for Staff to file its recommendation on final disposition to October 11, 2019. Therefore, this pleading is timely filed.

Staff notes SB 2272 passed during the 86th Regular Legislative Session amended TWC § 13 254(a-5) effective September 1, 2019. Red Oak's petition was filed in August 2019, therefore, the current version of TWC § 13.254 and the new TWC § 13.2541 do not apply to this proceeding.



#### II. RECOMMENDATION ON FINAL DISPOSITION

Texas law requires the Commission to grant a petition for the streamlined expedited release of a tract of land that is at least 25 acres, is not receiving water or sewer service, and is located in a qualifying county.<sup>2</sup> Furthermore, Texas law prohibits the Commission from denying a petition for streamlined expedited release based on the fact that the utility from which decertification is sought is a borrower under a federal loan program.<sup>3</sup> The Commission rules provide further specificity regarding the contents of a petition for a streamlined expedited release. The landowner must provide the Commission with a verified petition that includes:

- 1. a statement that the petition is being submitted under TWC § 13.254(1-5) and 16 TAC § 24.245(1);
- 2. proof that the tract of land is at least 25 acres in size;
- 3. proof that at least part of the tract of land is located in the current CCN holder's certificated service area and at least some of that part is located in a qualifying county;
- 4. a statement of facts that demonstrate that the tract of land is not currently receiving service;
- 5. copies of all deeds demonstrating ownership of the tract of land by the landowner;
- 6. proof that a copy of the petition has been mailed to the current CCN holder via certified mail on the day that the landowner submits the petition with the Commission; and
- 7. mapping information as required by the rule.4

Staff has reviewed the petition and, as supported by the attached memorandum of Patricia Garcia of the Commission's Infrastructure Division, Staff recommends that the maps and digital data filed by Red Oak provide adequate information demonstrating that the petition satisfies the requirements of TWC § 13.254(a-5) and 16 TAC § 24.245(1). Specifically, the maps and digital data provided by Red Oak enable Staff to determine that the property to be released: (1) is at least

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> Act of June 17, 2011, 82nd Leg., R.S., ch. 1325, § 6, 2011 Gen. and Special Laws of Fex. 3839, 3842-43 (amended 2019) (current version at TWC § 13.2541(b)) (emphasis added).

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>3</sup> Act of June 17, 2011, 82nd Leg., R.S., ch. 1325, § 6, 2011 Gen. and Special Laws of Tex. 3839, 3843 (amended 2013 and 2019) (current version at TWC § 13.2541(d)).

<sup>4 16</sup> TAC § 24.254(1).

25 acres; (2) is comprised of five<sup>5</sup> separate tracts that are contiguous; (3) is located within the City's certificated area; and (4) is located within Dallas and Ellis Counties, which are qualifying counties. Further, Staff was able to confirm that Red Oak is the owner of all five tracts using the five separate warranty deeds provided with the petition.

Staff has also reviewed the information provided by Rockett SUD, which included a map depicting a portion of its existing water system that was prepared by Rockett SUD's engineer.<sup>6</sup> The map shows a 12" water line that is installed directly on the western side of Tract 3 as well as a 6" water line and 5/8" x 3/4" meter installed directly on the western side of Tract 4B.<sup>7</sup> In addition, Rockett SUD provided a bill for 56 gallons of water usage on Tract 4B during the period June 27, 2019 to July 10, 2019.<sup>8</sup> The only information about the 12" water line on Tract 3 that was provided in addition to the map is a statement in Rockett SUD's pleading that this line "connects to another Rockett 12" water line to provide service to the Property and surrounding lands." The affidavit of Rockett SUD's General Manager is silent as to what this line is used for but specifically addresses the uses of the 6" water line on Tract 4B.<sup>10</sup> Consequently, Rockett SUD has shown that Tract 4B is receiving service under TWC § 13.254(a-5), but has failed to provide information sufficient to show that the 12" water line on Tract 3 is dedicated to the provision of service to Tract 3. Accordingly, Staff recommends that Tracts 1, 2, 3, and 4A meet the requirements for streamlined expedited release.<sup>14</sup>

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>5</sup> The petition refers to only four tracts; however, Tract 4 is comprised of a 74.917-acre parcel (Tract 4A) and a 10.39-acre parcel (Tract 4B). Tract 4B is located in both Dallas and Ellis Counties Tracts 1, 2, 3, and 4A are located wholly within Ellis County.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>6</sup> Rockett Special Utility District's Response and Objection to Petition for Expedited Release at 6, Ex. A and Ex F (Oct. 2, 2019) (Rockett SUD's Response).

<sup>7</sup> Id.

<sup>8</sup> *1d*.

<sup>9</sup> Id. at 6.

<sup>10</sup> Id. at Ex. A.

<sup>11</sup> See Tex. General Land Office v. Crystal Clear Water Supply Corp., 449 S.W.3d 130, 136 (Tex. App Austin 2014, pet. denied) (concluding that "section 13.254(a-4) does not contain an 'all or nothing' requirement" that would have required the GLO to seek decertification of all of its property located within Crystal Clear's CCN").

Staff is aware of the controversy between the Federal Fifth Circuit and the majority of the other Federal Circuit Courts and the Texas Third Court of Appeals regarding the test applied to determine whether a rural water association qualifies for protection under 7 U.S.C. § 1926(b).<sup>12</sup> Staff also understands that there is an appeal before the Fifth Circuit from a federal district court case that overruled the Commission's approval of petition for streamlined expedited release based upon the conclusion that Section 1926(b) pre-empts TWC § 13.254(a-6).<sup>13</sup> While Staff believes that the Commission is required to follow state law,<sup>14</sup> it is also reluctant to recommend to the Commission a position that could run afoul of orders from a federal court. Therefore, Staff suggests that, in the alternative, the Commission could abate this proceeding until the courts resolve this issue.

#### III. FINAL MAP

Typically, Staff would provide a final map along with its recommendation on final disposition. However, in addition to this docket, there is a second petition for streamlined expedited release from Rockett SUD's CCN pending in Docket No. 49863.<sup>15</sup> Given that there is more than one possible outcome in both dockets, Staff respectfully requests that it be allowed to issue a final map within 10 days of the Commission issuing a final order in this docket or Docket No. 49863, whichever is later.

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<sup>12</sup> See Chesapeake Ranch Water v. Bd. of Com'rs of Calvert Cty, 401 F.3d 274, 279-80 (4th Cir. 2005); Le-Ax Water Dist. v. City of Athens, 346 F.3d 701,706-07 (6th Cir. 2003); Rurul Water Sys No 1 v City of Stoux Ctr, 202 F.3d 1035, 1037 (8th Cir. 2000); Sequoyah Cty. Rural Water Dist. No 7 v. Town of Muldrow, 1914 F.3d 1192, 1207 (10th Cir. 1999); North Alamo Water Supply Corp. v. City of San Juan, 90 F.3d 910, 915 (5th Cir. 1996) (per curiam); see also, Creedmoor-Maha Water Supply Corp. v. Tex. Comm'n on Env. Quality, 307 S.W.3d 505, 521-22 (Tex. App.—Austin 2010, no pet.) (adopting the majority view of the federal circuits regarding what it means to provide or make service available under Section 1926(b)).

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>13</sup> See Crystal Clear Special Util. Dist. v. Marquez, 316 F.Supp.3d 965, 979 (W.D. Tex., March 29, 2018).

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>14</sup> See Creedmoor-Maha, 307 S.W.3d at 521 (citing to Penrod Drilling Corp v Williams, 868 S.W.2d 294, 296 (Tex. 1992) (per curiam)).

<sup>15</sup> Petition of Alamo Mission LLC to Amend Rockett Special Utility District's Water Certificate of Convenience of Necessity in Ellis County by Expedited Release, Docket No. 49863 (pending).

#### IV. CONCLUSION

Staff respectfully recommends that the Commission grant Red Oak's petition in part and decertify Tracts 1, 2, 3, and 4A. Staff further recommends that the Commission deny Red Oak's petition as to Tract 4B because the record reflects that Tract 4B is currently receiving service. In the alternative, Staff recommends that the Commission abate this proceeding in light of the unresolved issues at the federal court level.

Dated: October 11, 2019

Respectfully submitted.

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# DOCKET NO. 49871 CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I certify that a copy of this document will be served on all parties of record on October 11, 2019, in accordance with 16 TAC § 22.74.

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## **PUC Interoffice Memorandum**

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Subject:

**Docket No. 49871**: Petition of the City of Red Oak Industrial Development Corporation to Amend Rockett Special Utility District's Water Certificate of Convenience and Necessity in Dallas and Ellis Counties by Expedited Release

On August 19, 2019, the City of Red Oak Industrial Development Corporation (Petitioner) filed an application for expedited release from Rockett Special Utility District's (Rockett SUD) water Certificate of Convenience and Necessity (CCN) No. 10099 in Dallas and Ellis Counties. under Texas Water Code § 13.254(a-5) and 16 Texas Administrative Code § 24.245(l). The Petitioner asserts that the land is at least 25 contiguous acres, is not receiving water service, and is located in Dallas and Ellis Counties, which are both qualifying counties.

The Petitioner included a statement indicating a copy of the petition was sent via certified mail to Rockett SUD on the date the petition was filed with the Commission. On September 13, 2019, Rockett SUD filed a motion to intervene, which was granted by the Administrative Law Judge on September 25, 2019. A response and objection to the petition was submitted by Rockett SUD on October 2, 2019.

The response included a claim that Rockett SUD qualifies for protection under 7 U.S.C. § 1926(b) because it is the recipient of a federal loan. In addition, Rockett SUD demonstrated that there is a waterline installed on the west side of tract 3 and a water line and tap installed on the west side of tract 4b that serves the property. The pleading included a map showing the location of the water lines and meter and a bill for the period of June 27, 2019 through July 10, 2019 for an address that appears to be in one of the areas requested for release. Although Staff would prefer to have bills showing three consecutive months of service, Staff recommends that Rockett SUD has shown that tract 4b is receiving water service but has not made a similar showing for tracts 1, 2, 3, and 4a.

Rockett SUD's response did not address whether granting the petition would render any of its property useless and valueless. Therefore, Staff also recommends that there is no useless or valueless property, in accordance with 16 TAC § 24.245(n)(3). Staff further recommends that a compensation proceeding is not necessary, if the Commission determines that there is no useless or valueless property, pursuant to 16 TAC § 24.245(n)(7).

# **EXHIBIT "C"**