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APPLICATION OF GRISTMILL UTILITY COMPANY, LLC TO OBTAIN A SEWER CERTIFICATE OF CONVENIENCE AND NECESSITY IN HAYS COUNTY

PUBLIC UTILITY COMMISSION

OF TEXAS

COMMISSION STAFF'S RECOMMENDATION ON ADMINISTRATIVE COMPLETENESS AND PROPOSED NOTICE

COMES NOW the Staff of the Public Utility Commission of Texas (Staff), representing the public interest, and in response to Order No. 1 files this Commission Staff's Recommendation on Administrative Completeness and Proposed Notice. Staff recommends that the application be deemed insufficient for further review and that the applicant be ordered to address the identified deficiencies. In support thereof, Staff shows the following:

I. BACKGROUND

On December 6, 2019, Gristmill Utility Company, LLC (Gristmill) filed an application for a sewer certificate of convenience and necessity in Hays County. The requested service area consists of 239 acres, 52 existing customer connections, and 838 additional projected customer connections.

On December 10, 2019, the Administrative Law Judge issued Order No. 1, setting a deadline of January 10, 2020, for Staff to file comments on the administrative completeness of the application, the sufficiency of the proposed notice, and to propose a procedural schedule. This pleading is therefore timely filed.

II. ADMINISTRATIVE COMPLETENESS

As detailed in the attached memorandum from Greg Charles in the Commission's Infrastructure Division, Staff has reviewed the application and recommends that it be found administratively incomplete. Specifically, Staff has identified deficiencies in the mapping content. Staff recommends that Gristmill submit the additional mapping content, as further detailed in the attached memorandum. Staff notes that Gristmill should not issue notice until the application is found administratively complete.

III. COMMENTS ON PROCEDURAL SCHEDULE

Staff recommends that Gristmill be ordered to cure the deficiencies identified in Mr. Charles' memorandum by February 10, 2020, and that Staff be given a deadline of March 10, 2020, to file a supplemental recommendation on the administrative completeness of the application.

IV. CONCLUSION

For the reasons stated above, Staff respectfully recommends that the application be found administratively incomplete at this time and that Gristmill be ordered to file a supplement addressing the identified deficiencies in the application by February 10, 2020.

Dated: January 10, 2020

Respectfully submitted,

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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I certify that a copy of this document will be served on all parties of record January 10, 2020, in accordance with 16 TAC 22.74.

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То:	Robert Dakota Parish, Attorney Legal Division
From:	Greg Charles, Engineer Infrastructure Division
Date:	January 10, 2020
Subject:	Docket No. 50325, <i>Application of Gristmill Utility Company, LLC to Obtain a Sewer Certificate of Convenience and Necessity in Hays County</i>

On December 6, 2019, Gristmill Utility Company, LLC (Applicant) filed with the Public Utility Commission of Texas (Commission) an application to obtain a sewer Certificate of Convenience and Necessity in Hays County, Texas under Texas Water Code (TWC) §§ 13.242 to 13.250 and the 16 Texas Administrative Code (TAC) §§ 24.225 to 24.237.

Staff has reviewed the information provided by the Applicant and recommends the application be deemed administratively incomplete and not accepted for filing due to the deficiencies detailed below:

Mapping Information:

The Applicant did not file digital mapping data for the requested area. Since the Applicant was able to create a general location and detailed maps identifying the requested area, the Applicant may provide the actual digital mapping data used to create these maps.

Applicant must submit the following item to resolve the mapping deficiency:

• Digital mapping data for the requested area, as a single polygon record, in shapefile (SHP) format, georeferenced in either NAD83 Texas Statewide Mapping System (Meters) or NAD83 Texas State Plane Coordinate System (US Feet).

Staff recommends the Applicant obtain additional mapping guidance from the PUC's mapping staff, Ms. Tracy Montes at (512)936-7187 or tracy.montes@puc.texas.gov to resolve the mapping deficiencies.

Note: Any confidential items should be submitted as confidential filings with the PUC. The instructions for filing confidential documents can be found on our website at:(http://www.puc.texas.gov/industry/filings/FilingProceed.aspx).