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**PETITION OF RIVER OAKS RANCH
WATER SYSTEM TO DISCONTINUE
WATER SERVICE AND CANCEL ITS
EXEMPT UTILITY REGISTRATION
IN BANDERA COUNTY**

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**REQUIRING COMMENTS ON ADMINISTRATIVE COMPLETENESS AND NOTICE,
REQUESTING PROCEDURAL SCHEDULE, AND
ADDRESSING OTHER PROCEDURAL MATTERS**

I. Application

On January 27, 2020, River Oaks Ranch Water System filed a petition to discontinue water service to the River Oaks Ranch subdivision and cancel the associated exempt utility registration number N0069 in Bandera County. River Oaks Ranch Water stated that the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality-approved public water system number 0100103 is no longer active and that the customers have drilled their own wells.

**II. Requiring Comments on the Administrative Completeness of Application
and Proposed Notice**

In accordance with 16 Texas Administrative Code (TAC) § 24.8(a), by February 26, 2020, Commission Staff must file comments on the administrative completeness of the application and proposed notice. In addition, River Oaks Ranch Water and Commission Staff must file, on or before February 26, 2020, a recommendation regarding how this petition should be processed and propose a procedural schedule.

III. Discovery

Discovery may proceed informally; however, objections to requests for information (RFIs) must be filed and served within 10 days of receiving the RFI. Objections must include a statement that negotiations were conducted diligently and in good faith. If the parties are unable to resolve a discovery dispute, a motion to compel a response to an RFI must be filed and served within five working days of receipt of an objection. The motion to compel must specify the grounds for the motion.

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IV. Filings

Unless otherwise specified, an original and ten copies of documents relating to this proceeding must be filed with the Commission filing clerk according to 16 TAC § 22.71. A copy of each document filed with the Commission must also be served on all parties as provided in 16 TAC § 22.74. All filings can be accessed on the PUC Interchange, <http://interchange.puc.texas.gov>.

All parties must provide their current addresses, telephone and fax numbers, if available, to all other parties and the Commission by filing and serving all parties with such information. Each party must provide the Commission and all parties with updated address, telephone, and fax information if such information changes. The telephone and fax numbers will be placed on the service list for this proceeding. Parties are responsible for updating their own service lists to reflect changed information and the addition of any other parties.

V. Ex Parte Communications

Under 16 TAC § 22.3(b)(2) *ex parte* communications with the administrative law judges and presiding officer (collectively, ALJs) are prohibited. Parties must communicate with the ALJs only through written documents filed with the Commission's filing clerk and served on all parties. Questions concerning this order or any other order must be submitted in writing, filed with the Commission, and served on all parties of record.

Signed at Austin, Texas on the 28th day of January 2020.

PUBLIC UTILITY COMMISSION OF TEXAS


HUNTER BURKHALTER
ADMINISTRATIVE LAW JUDGE