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APPLICATION OF THE CITY OF
ALTON TO AMEND ITS SEWER
CERTIFICATE OF CONVENIENCE
AND NECESSITY IN HIDALGO
COUNTY

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PUBLIC UTILITY COMMISSION
OF TEXAS

**COMMISSION STAFF'S FOURTH SUPPLEMENTAL RECOMMENDATION ON
SUFFICIENCY OF NOTICE**

COMES NOW the Staff (Staff) of the Public Utility Commission of Texas (Commission), representing the public interest, files this Fourth Supplemental Recommendation on Sufficiency of Notice. In support thereof, Staff shows the following:

I. BACKGROUND

On February 18, 2020, the City of Alton (Alton) filed an application to amend its sewer certificate of convenience and necessity (CCN) No. 20809 in Hidalgo County. The requested area consists of 1,434 total acres and 76 customer connections.

On November 23, 2020, the administrative law judge (ALJ) filed Order No. 8, finding Alton's notice deficient and requiring Staff to file a supplemental recommendation on sufficiency of notice and propose a procedural schedule by January 11, 2021. Therefore, this pleading is timely filed.

II. SUFFICIENCY OF NOTICE

Staff has reviewed the proof of notice filed by Alton and recommends that it be found deficient. Notice of a CCN amendment must be given on the form provided by the Commission.¹ On October 5, 9, and December 1, 2020, Alton filed proof of notice stating that notice was provided on September 14, 15, 16, and 17, 2020, along with a list of the customers, neighboring utilities, and affected parties to which the notice was mailed and a copy of the mailed notice. On December 1, 2020, Alton also filed proof of publication notice. However, Alton did not provide notice to five of the parties listed in Staff's Supplemental Recommendation on Administrative Completeness filed on June 22, 2020. These parties are: 1) Agua SUD (CCN No. 20785), 2) The City of McAllen (CCN No. 20524), 3) City of Mission (CCN No. 20768), 4) Hidalgo County

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Irrigation District 6, and 5) Rio Grande Regional Water Authority. Staff has determined that these parties qualify as affected parties that require notice under 16 TAC § 24.235(b). Pursuant to this review, Staff recommends that the notice be found deficient.

III. PROPOSED PROCEDURAL SCHEDULE

In accordance with its deficiency recommendation, Staff does not propose a procedural schedule for further processing of this docket. Instead, Staff recommends that Alton be ordered to file an amended proof of notice by February 8, 2021 and that Staff be given a deadline of February 22, 2021 to file a supplemental recommendation on sufficiency of notice and propose a procedural schedule.

IV. CONCLUSION

For the reasons detailed above, Staff respectfully recommends that notice be found deficient and that Alton be directed to file amended proof of notice by February 8, 2021.

¹ 16 Tex. Admin. Code (TAC) § 24.235(a) and (b).

Dated: January 11, 2021

Respectfully Submitted,

**PUBLIC UTILITY COMMISSION OF TEXAS
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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I certify that, unless otherwise ordered by the presiding officer, notice of the filing of this document was provided to all parties of record via electronic mail on January 11, 2021, in accordance with the Order Suspending Rules, issued in Project No. 50664.

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