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APPLICATION OF THE CITY OF ALTON TO AMEND ITS SEWER CERTIFICATE OF CONVENIENCE AND NECESSITY IN HIDALGO COUNTY	§ § § § §	PUBLIC UTILITY COMMISSION OF TEXAS
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COMMISSION STAFF’S RECOMMENDATION ON AMENDED MAPS

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 September 15, 2021, the administrative law judge filed Order No. 14, amending the procedural schedule and requiring Staff (Staff) of the Public Utility Commission of Texas (Commission) to file a supplemental recommendation on the amended maps by September 28, 2021. Therefore, this pleading is timely filed.

I. RECOMMENDATION ON AMENDED MAPS

As of September 27, 2021, Alton has not filed amended maps in this proceeding as required by Order No. 13. Therefore, Commission Staff cannot make a recommendation on amended maps. Commission Staff has attached the memorandum of Patricia Garcia of the Commission’s Infrastructure Division to further detail the identified deficiencies in Alton’s mapping.

II. PROPOSED PROCEDURAL SCHEDULE

Commission Staff proposes the following procedural schedule in accordance with the above recommendations.

Event	Date
Deadline for Alton to file amended maps	October 26, 2021
Deadline for Staff to file a recommendation on the amended maps	November 16, 2021
Deadline for Commission Staff to provide final maps, certificates, and tariffs (if applicable), to applicant for review and consent	December 21, 2021
Deadline for Alton to file signed consent forms	January 4, 2021

with the Commission	
If no hearing is requested, deadline for Commission Staff to file a final recommendation on the application	January 18, 2021
If no hearing is requested, deadline for parties to file joint proposed findings of fact and conclusions of law	February 8, 2021

III. CONCLUSION

For the reasons detailed above, Staff respectfully request that Alton be ordered to supplement its mapping as outlined in Ms. Garcia's memorandum.

Dated: September 28, 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 September 28, 2021, in accordance with the Order Suspending Rules, issued in Project No. 50664.

/s/ Kourtnee Jinks
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Public Utility Commission of Texas

Memorandum

TO: Kourtnee Jinks, Attorney
Legal Division

FROM: Patricia Garcia, Senior Engineering Specialist
Infrastructure Division

DATE: September 20, 2021

RE: Docket No. 50563 – *Application of the City of Alton to Amend its Sewer Certificate of Convenience and Necessity in Hidalgo County*

On February 18, 2020, the City of Alton (Alton) filed with the Public Utility Commission of Texas (Commission) an application to amend its sewer Certificate of Convenience and Necessity (CCN) No. 20809 in Hidalgo County, Texas under Texas Water Code §§ 13.242 to 13.250 and 16 Texas Administrative Code §§ 24.225 to 24.237.

Alton is seeking to amend a sewer CCN for the service area containing approximately 1,434 acres and 76 existing customers. In response to Staff's first request for information (RFI 1), Alton provided a map showing the city limit boundaries, areas where there are requests for service, current customers, facilities, and the intermediate parcels between each type of parcel. Alton also stated there are currently 246 existing connections and 131 additional onsite sewer facilities in the areas.

Based on the response to Staff RFI 1, there is no support showing an immediate need for service for the entire requested area. Alton has failed to establish need for the entire requested area.

Due to the need for service issue, I am recommending Alton reduce the requested area to include only the area inside the city limits, areas where there are current facilities operated and maintained by Alton, current Alton customers, intermediate parcels, and the requests for service identified on the map provided in response to Staff RFI 1-1.

Provide the revised mapping documentation listed below that reflects the recommended reduction in the requested area:

- A detailed map identifying only the requested area, in reference to verifiable man-made and natural landmarks, such as roads, rivers, and railroads; and
- Revised 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).