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<b>APPLICATION OF THE CITY OF ALTON TO AMEND ITS SEWER CERTIFICATE OF CONVENIENCE AND NECESSITY IN HIDALGO COUNTY</b>	<b>§ § § § §</b>	<b>PUBLIC UTILITY COMMISSION  OF TEXAS</b>
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**COMMISSION STAFF’S SUPPLEMENTAL 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 December 30, 2021, the administrative law judge filed Order No. 17, 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 February 16, 2022. Therefore, this pleading is timely filed.

**I. RECOMMENDATION ON AMENDED MAPS**

Alton filed revised maps on January 20, 2022 and Commission Staff has reviewed the revised maps. As detailed in the attached memorandum of Patricia Garcia of the Commission’s Infrastructure Division, Staff continues to recommend that Alton’s maps are deficient. Additionally, Commission Staff recommends that the City of Alton be ordered to cure the deficiencies identified in Ms. Garcia’s memorandum.

**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 in accordance with Ms. Garcia’s memorandum	March 18, 2022
Deadline for Staff to file a recommendation on the amended maps	April 15, 2022
Deadline for Commission Staff to provide final maps, certificates, and tariffs (if applicable), to applicant for review and consent	May 23, 2022

Deadline for Alton to file signed consent forms with the Commission	June 6, 2022
If no hearing is requested, deadline for Commission Staff to file a final recommendation on the application	June 20, 2022
If no hearing is requested, deadline for parties to file joint proposed findings of fact and conclusions of law	July 11, 2022

### 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 and the proposed procedural schedule be adopted.

Dated: February 16, 2022

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 February 16, 2022, in accordance with the Order Suspending Rules, issued in Project No. 50664.

/s/ Kourtnee Jinks

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# *Public Utility Commission of Texas*

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## **Memorandum**

**TO:** Kourtnee Jinks, Attorney  
Legal Division

**FROM:** Patricia Garcia, Senior Engineering Specialist  
Infrastructure Division

**DATE:** February 16, 2022

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

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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. 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.

On January 20, 2022, Alton submitted revised mapping and digital data. Staff recommends Alton further reduce the requested area or explain why the areas off of Moorefield Rd. and Trosper Rd., without a color code label and not within the city limits, were included in the revised requested area. Additionally, at the north end of the requested area off of Los Ebanos Rd there appears to be an existing neighborhood, with a mixture of mobile homes and traditional homes, that was not labeled as containing current Alton customers, requests for service, or existing facilities. Staff recommends that Alton provide an explanation why this is included in the revised requested area or remove it from the requested area.

Based on the mapping review by Tracy Montes, Infrastructure Division, the digital mapping data (shapefile) filed by Alton on January 20, 2022 (Item 47) is deficient. Alton must submit the revised requested area in a usable shapefile format that mirrors the revised requested area shown on the map to be provided.

Alton must submit the following items to resolve the mapping deficiencies:

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

- Digital mapping data for Alton's current city limit and ETJ boundaries as shown on the detailed map filed on January 20, 2022. Each boundary should be provided as a single polygon record, in a shapefile (SHP) format, georeferenced in either NAD83 Texas Statewide Mapping System (Meters) or NAD83 Texas State Plane Coordinate System (US Feet).