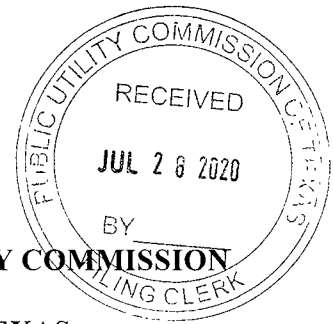


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**APPLICATION OF THE CITY OF
RICHLAND FOR A WATER
CERTIFICATE OF CONVENIENCE
AND NECESSITY AND FOR DUAL
CERTIFICATION WITH CORBET
WATER SUPPLY CORPORATION IN
NAVARRO COUNTY**

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**PUBLIC UTILITY COMMISSION
OF TEXAS**

**COMMISSION STAFF'S SUPPLEMENTAL RECOMMENDATION ON
ADMINISTRATIVE COMPLETENESS AND PROPOSED NOTICE**

COMES NOW the Staff (Staff) of the Public Utility Commission of Texas (Commission), representing the public interest, and files this Supplemental Recommendation on Administrative Completeness and Proposed Notice. Staff recommends that the application be deemed administratively complete. In support, Staff shows the following:

I. BACKGROUND

On April 27, 2020, the City of Richland (Richland) filed an application to obtain a water certificate of convenience and necessity (CCN) and for dual certification with Corbet Water Supply Corporation (Corbet WSC), CCN No. 12278, in Navarro County, Texas. Richland filed supplemental information on May 5, 15, and 28, 2020; June 24, 25, and 26, 2020; and July 2 and 22, 2020.

On May 27, 2020, the administrative law judge (ALJ) issued Order No. 2, establishing a deadline of July 27, 2020 for Staff to file a supplemental recommendation on the administrative completeness of the application and notice and propose a procedural schedule for further processing of the application.

II. ADMINISTRATIVE COMPLETENESS

Staff has reviewed the application and supplemental information filed by Richland and, as detailed in the attached memoranda of Patricia Garcia of the Commission's Infrastructure Division and Fred Bednarski of the Commission's Rate Regulation Division, recommends that it be deemed administratively complete.

III. NOTICE

At this time, Staff recommends that Richland proceed with providing public notice to all neighboring utilities, affected customers, landowners of a tract of 25 acres or more, political subdivisions, and other entities listed in the attached memorandum using the notices provided by Ms. Garcia. Along with each individual notice, Staff recommends that Richland provide an accurate map delineating the requested service area. Staff also recommends that Richland publish notice once each week for two consecutive weeks in a newspaper of general circulation in Navarro County.

Within 30 days of the provision of notice, Staff recommends that Richland file proof of notice as described in the attached memorandum and proof of newspaper publication. Finally, it is recommended that Richland use the attached affidavits to meet these requirements.

IV. PROPOSED PROCEDURAL SCHEDULE

Staff proposes the following procedural schedule for the continued processing of this application:

Event	Date
Deadline for applicant to file with the Commission signed affidavits that the notice was given along with a copy of the notice sent to the affected parties and published in a newspaper of general circulation	September 10, 2020
Deadline for Staff to file a recommendation on sufficiency of notice	September 21, 2020
Deadline to intervene	30 days after the date notice is issued

V. REQUEST TO RESTYLE DOCKET

Staff respectfully requests that the docket be restyled to “Application of the City of Richland for a Water Certificate of Convenience and Necessity and for Dual Certification with Corbet Water Supply Corporation and Pleasant Grove Water Supply Corporation in Navarro County.” This change will more accurately reflect that Richland is requesting dual certification with portions of two different existing water CCNs.

VI. CONCLUSION

For the reasons discussed above, Staff respectfully recommends that the application be found administratively complete at this time, that Richland be directed to provide notice as detailed above and in the attached memorandum, and that the proposed procedural schedule be adopted.

Dated: July 28, 2020

Respectfully submitted,

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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 July 28, 2020, in accordance with the Order Suspending Rules, issued in Project No. 50664.

/s/ Merritt Lander
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