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APPLICATION OF THE CITY OF	§	PUBLIC UTILITY COMMISSION
RICHLAND FOR A WATER	§	
CERTIFICATE OF CONVENIENCE	§	OF TEXAS
AND NECESSITY AND FOR DUAL	§	
CERTIFICATION WITH CORBET	§	
WATER SUPPLY CORPORATION AND	§	
PLEASANT GROVE WATER SUPPLY	§	
CORPORATION IN NAVARRO	§	
COUNTY	§	

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

COMES NOW the Staff (Staff) of the Public Utility Commission of Texas (Commission), representing the public interest, and files this Supplemental Recommendation on Sufficiency of Notice. 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, and Pleasant Grove Water Supply Corporation (Pleasant Grove WSC), CCN No. 10756, 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 September 23, 2020, the administrative law judge (ALJ) issued Order No. 4, which established a deadline of October 30, 2020 for Staff to file a supplemental recommendation on sufficiency of notice. Therefore, this pleading is timely filed.

II. SUFFICIENCY OF NOTICE

On October 19, 2020, Richland filed additional documents attesting to notice having been re-issued. While Richland's proof of notice did include a complete list of entities notified as required by Order No. 4, Richland's filing did not contain a copy of the re-issued notice or the maps included with that notice. Staff therefore respectfully recommends that Richland's notice to customers, landowners, neighboring utilities, and other affected persons continue to be found

deficient and that Richland be required to provide proof of notice having been issued in compliance with Order No. 3, which includes filing a copy of the notice issued to landowners, neighboring utilities and other affected persons. Staff further recommends that Richland's published notice continue to be found sufficient.

III. PROCEDURAL SCHEDULE

Based on its recommendation that Richland's notice be found deficient, Staff proposes the following procedural schedule:

Event	Date
Deadline for Richland to file proof of notice, including signed affidavits stating that notice was provided, and a copy of the notice and map sent to the affected parties	November 13, 2020
Deadline for Staff to file a recommendation on sufficiency of notice	November 23, 2020
Deadline to file a motion to intervene; deadline to request a hearing on the merits	30 days after notice is issued

IV. CONCLUSION

For the reasons discussed above, Staff respectfully requests that Richland's notice be found deficient and that the proposed procedural schedule be adopted for further processing of this docket.

Dated: October 30, 2020

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 on October 30, 2020 in accordance with the Order Suspending Rules, issued in Project No. 50664.

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