



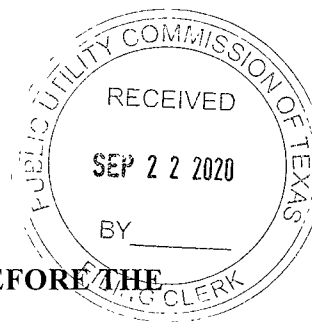
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APPLICATION OF VINTON HILLS
ALEGRE, LLC AND VILLAGE OF
VINTON FOR SALE, TRANSFER, OR
MERGER OF FACILITIES AND
CERTIFICATE RIGHTS IN EL PASO
COUNTY

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BEFORE THE

PUBLIC UTILITY COMMISSION
OF TEXAS

**VILLAGE OF VINTON'S RESPONSE TO COMMISSION STAFF'S
RECOMMENDATION ON APPROVAL OF THE SALE**

COMES NOW, the Village of Vinton (the "Village"), by and through its undersigned attorneys of record, and files this Response to Commission Staff's ("Staff") Recommendation on Approval of the Sale (the "Recommendation"). The Village agrees with Staff's Recommendation that the sale be approved to proceed. In support thereof, the Village would respectfully show as follows:

I. BACKGROUND

On May 5, 2020, Vinton Hills Alegre, LLC ("Vinton Hills") and the Village (collectively, the "Applicants") filed the above-referenced application for sale, transfer, or merger of facilities and certificate rights in El Paso County (the "Application"). On June 11, 2020, the Applicants amended the Application to clarify that it requests approval to sell and transfer all of the assets and facilities currently held under Vinton Hills' water Certificate of Convenience and Necessity ("CCN") No. 12563 to the Village's water CCN No. 13269. On August 18, 2020, Order No. 4 in this proceeding was issued, finding the Applicants' notice sufficient, requiring Staff to file a recommendation on the approval of the sale by September 16, 2020, and establishing a deadline of September 30, 2020 for Applicants to file a response to Staff's Recommendation. Accordingly, this response is timely filed.

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II. RECOMMENDATION

On September 16, 2020, the Village received Staff's Recommendation that the proposed transaction be approved to proceed, specifically noting that the "proposed transaction satisfies the relevant statutory and regulatory criteria." The Village supports Staff's Recommendation and further requests that the Applicants be granted approval to close on the proposed transaction as soon as is legally possible under Texas Water Code § 13.301, which the Applicants assert is November 11, 2020. To this end, the Applicants will endeavor to work with Staff immediately to prepare and file a Joint Motion to Admit Evidence and Proposed Order Approving Sale and Allowing Transaction to Proceed.

III. CONCLUSION

Based on the foregoing, the Village respectfully requests that the Administrative Law Judge authorize the Applicants to close on the transaction contemplated by the Application, as amended, upon filing of a Joint Motion to Admit Evidence and Proposed Order Approving Sale and Allowing Transaction to Proceed, and for all other orders, acts, procedures, and relief to which it is entitled, including, but not limited to, approval of the Application.

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 September 22, 2020, in accordance with the Order Suspending Rules, issued in Project No. 50664.



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