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APPLICATION OF VINTON HILLS	§	PUBLIC UTILLE A COMMISSION FIL RECORE THE
ALEGRE, LLC AND VILLAGE OF	§	FILEBRUME THE
VINTON FOR SALE, TRANSFER, OR	§	PUBLIC UTILITY COMMISSION
MERGER OF FACILITIES AND	§	FUBLIC UTILITY COMMISSION
CERTIFICATE RIGHTS IN EL PASO	§	OF TEXAS
COUNTY	§	

## **VILLAGE OF VINTON'S STATUS UPDATE**

TO THE PUBLIC UTILITY COMMISSION OF TEXAS:

COMES NOW, the Village of Vinton (the "Village"), by and through its undersigned attorneys of record, and files this Status Update regarding the above-referenced application. 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 October 23, 2020, the Administrative Law Judge ("ALJ") issued Order No. 6 in this matter, approving the transaction proposed in the Application (the "Transaction") to proceed and be consummated. Order No. 6 also directed the Applicants to file monthly updates regarding the status of their efforts to close on the Transaction. Therefore, this Status Update is timely submitted.

### II. STATUS UPDATE

While the Applicants have not completed the Transaction as of the date of this Status Update, they intend and desire to do so as expeditiously as possible. In furtherance of that goal, the Village has been working diligently to identify a qualified contractor or contractors to manage, operate, and maintain the to-be-acquired water systems upon closing of the Transaction. Since the Village filed the previous Status Update on December 28, 2020, progress has

been made toward a potential completion of those efforts. Specifically, the Applicants have initiated preliminary coordination and negotiations, including contract discussions, information exchanges, and a walk-through of the water systems to be transferred, with a team of licensed operators from a neighboring municipality. Because the Applicants intend to begin scheduling and organizing a timely closing of the Transaction as soon as the Village has selected a qualified operator or operators, the progress made over the last month is significant. Until those arrangements can be made, however, the Applicants will continue their efforts to consummate the Transaction as promptly as possible, submitting monthly status updates thereon in accordance with Order No. 6.

## III. CONCLUSION AND PRAYER

For the above-stated reasons, the Village respectfully submits, and requests that the ALJ accept, this Status Update, and grant all other relief to which the Village is entitled.

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 January 21, 2021, in accordance with the Order Suspending Rules, issued in Project No. 50664.

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