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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 §**

**PUBLIC UTILITY COMMISSION
OF TEXAS**

**COMMISSION STAFF’S RECOMMENDATION ON SUFFICIENCY OF THE
CLOSING DOCUMENTS**

On May 5, 2020, Vinton Hills Alegre, LLC (Vinton Hills) and the Village of Vinton (Village of Vinton) (collectively, the Applicants) filed an application with the Public Utility Commission of Texas (Commission) for the sale, transfer, or merger of facilities and certificate rights in El Paso County. On May 12, 2021, the Applicants filed proof of closing documents.

On October 23, 2020, the administrative law judge (ALJ) filed Order No. 6, which required Commission Staff (Staff) to file a recommendation on the sufficiency of the closing documents and propose a procedural schedule within 15 days following the filing of the applicants' proof of closing. Fifteen days after May 12, 2021 is May 27, 2021. Therefore, this pleading is timely filed.

I. RECOMMENDATION

On October 23, 2020, Order No. 6 in this proceeding approved the Applicants’ proposed sale and transfer and ordered the Applicants to complete the proposed transaction within 180 days. One hundred and eighty days from October 23, 2020 was April 21, 2021. Order No. 6 also required the Applicants to file proof of closing within 30 days of the effective date of the sale. The Applicants consummated the sale on April 19, 2021, which is within the 180-day timeline to complete the transaction. The Applicants filed proof that the proposed transaction had been consummated on May 12, 2021, which is within 30 days of the April 19, 2021 effective date of the sale.

Staff has reviewed the Applicants’ proof of closing and recommends that the documents satisfy all applicable requirements under 16 TAC § 24.239. Staff recommends that there are no customer deposits to be addressed. Therefore, Staff recommends that the Applicants’ proof of closing be found sufficient.

II. PROPOSED PROCEDURAL SCHEDULE

Staff recommends that the Applicants' closing documents be found sufficient. Therefore, Staff proposes the following procedural schedule:

Event	Date
Deadline for Staff to provide final maps, certificates, and tariffs (if applicable) to Applicants for review and consent	June 30, 2021
Deadline for Applicants to file signed consent forms with the Commission	July 15, 2021
Deadline for parties to file joint proposed findings of fact and conclusions of law	July 30, 2021

III. CONCLUSION

Staff recommends that the Applicants' proof of closing documents be found sufficient and that the above-proposed procedural schedule be adopted. Staff respectfully requests that an order be issued consistent with the foregoing recommendations.

Dated: May 27, 2021

Respectfully submitted,

**PUBLIC UTILITY COMMISSION OF TEXAS
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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 May 27, 2021, in accordance with the Order Suspending Rules, issued in Project No. 50664.

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