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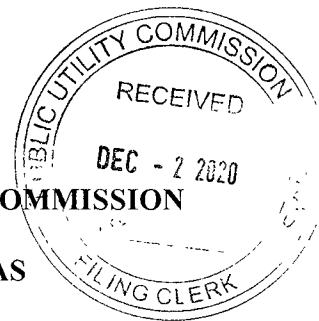
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**APPLICATION OF THE CITY OF §
DRIPPING SPRINGS TO AMEND ITS §
CERTIFICATE OF CONVENIENCE §
AND NECESSITY IN HAYS COUNTY §**

**PUBLIC UTILITY COMMISSION
OF TEXAS**



COMMISSION STAFF’S RECOMMENDATION ON SUFFICIENCY OF NOTICE

COMES NOW the Staff (Staff) of the Public Utility Commission of Texas (Commission), representing the public interest, and in response to Order No. 3, files this Recommendation on Sufficiency of Notice. Staff recommends that notice be found sufficient. In support thereof, Staff shows the following:

I. BACKGROUND

On June 18, 2020, the City of Dripping Springs (City) filed an application to amend its water certificate of convenience and necessity (CCN) No. 13030 in Hays County. The requested service area consists of 1,067 acres and no current customers. The City filed supplemental information on June 24, 2020, June 25, 2020, and July 29, 2020.

On October 7, 2020, the administrative law judge (ALJ) filed Order No. 3, establishing a deadline of December 2, 2020, for Staff to file recommendation on sufficiency of notice. Therefore, this pleading is timely filed.

II. NOTICE

On November 18, 2020, the City filed a signed affidavit attesting that notice to current customers, landowners, neighboring utilities, and affected parties had been provided, a signed affidavit of publication of notice, and the actual tear sheets of the notice published. Staff has reviewed the notice documents filed by the City and recommends that notice be found sufficient.

III. PROPOSED PROCEDURAL SCHEDULE

In accordance with Staff’s sufficiency recommendation, Staff proposes the following procedural schedule:

Event	Date
Notice completed	November 12, 2020
Deadline for intervention	December 14, 2020 ¹
Deadline for Staff to provide final maps, certificates, and tariffs (if applicable), to the City for review and consent	February 12, 2021
Deadline for the City to file signed consent forms with the Commission	February 26, 2021
If no hearing is requested, deadline for Staff to file a final recommendation on the application	March 5, 2021
If no hearing is requested, deadline for parties to file joint proposed findings of fact and conclusions of law	March 12, 2021

IV. CONCLUSION

Staff respectfully recommends that the City's notice be deemed sufficient and that the proposed procedural schedule be adopted.

¹ Under 16 TAC § 24 235(a)(3), the intervention deadline is 30 days after the mailing or publication of notice, whichever occurs later. Notice was mailed on October 27, 2020 and published on October 29, 2020 and November 5 and 12, 2020. Therefore, 30 days after November 12, 2020 is December 12, 2020. Because the Commission is not open for business on December 12, 2020, the deadline is December 14, 2020 under 16 TAC § 22.4(a).

Dated: December 2, 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 via electronic mail on December 2, 2020, in accordance with the Order Suspending Rules, issued in Project No. 50664.

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