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PETITION OF JOHNSTON &
ASSOCIATES, LLP AND FRANK
CARVALHO TO AMEND
MOUNTAIN PEAK SPECIAL UTILITY
DISTRICT'S CERTIFICATE OF
CONVENIENCE AND NECESSITY
IN JOHNSON COUNTY BY
STREAMLINED EXPEDITED
RELEASE

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THE PUBLIC UTILITY
COMMISSION OF TEXAS

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**RESPONSE
OF JOHNSTON & ASSOCIATES, LLP AND FRANK CARVALHO
TO
ORDER NO. 7 AND REQUEST FOR EXTENSION**

COMES NOW, Johnston & Associates, LLP and Frank Carvalho, jointly, ("Petitioners"), and file with the Public Utility Commission ("Commission") this Response to Order No. 7 and Request for Extension.

Petitioners respond to the Administrative Law Judge's inquiries as follows:

1. The legal name and all assumed names, if any, under which each petitioner conducts business, including any assumed name(s), and provide a currently valid certificate(s) of assumed name(s), if applicable.

RESPONSE:

- (a) Frank Carvalho is an individual and has no assumed names.
- (b) Johnston & Associates, LLP has filed assumed name certificates with the County Clerk in Bexar County (Johnston Legal Group, PC), Harris County (Johnston Legal Group PC), Lubbock County (Johnston Legal Group PC), and Tarrant County (Johnston Legal Group PC). These certificates are attached as **Exhibit A.**

2. The form of business in Texas (e.g., corporation, partnership, sole proprietorship), charter or authorization number, date business was formed, and date change was made, if applicable.

RESPONSE:

- (a) Frank Carvalho is an individual (and therefore, this question is inapplicable).
- (b) Johnston & Associates, LLP is a Texas limited liability partnership. The SOS file number assigned to that registration was: 800433911. The business was formed on December 30, 2004. See **Exhibit B**. There were no changes made. The limited liability partnership registration of Johnston & Associates, LLP, file number 800433911, expired on 12/30/2010. See **Exhibit C**. Johnston & Associates, LLP was made aware of this expiration upon inquiry after the ALJ issued Order No. 7 in this matter. The General Partner for Johnston & Associates, LLP, Michael Johnston, requested that the Secretary of State reinstate Johnston & Associates, LLP. Unfortunately, before the Secretary of State will reinstate the entity, a tax clearance letter must be obtained from the State Comptroller's Office. Michael Johnston has requested this tax clearance letter. See **Exhibit D**. The Comptroller's Office informed Mr. Johnston that it may take some time before he will receive the tax clearance letter. Once he receives the Tax Clearance Letter, Mr. Johnston will submit the required information to the Secretary of State. Petitioners request, therefore, that the ALJ grant an extension of 10 business days (until December 8) for Petitioners to resolve this issue with the Comptroller's Office and the Secretary of State.

- 3. Legal name of parent company, if any, and a description of its primary business interests and the name of any companies affiliated with the applicant with which it does any business. Provide the state and date in which the parent and affiliated companies are registered.

RESPONSE:

- (a) Frank Carvalho is an individual (and therefore, this question is inapplicable).
- (b) Johnston & Associates, LLP has no parent company. Its General partner is Michael Johnston, an individual.

REQUEST FOR EXTENSION

Based on the Response to Inquiry #2, above, Petitioners request that the ALJ grant an extension of 10 business days (until December 8) for Petitioners to resolve this issue with the Comptroller's Office and the Secretary of State.

Respectfully submitted,

/s/ David J. Tuckfield

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ATTORNEYS FOR PETITIONERS
Johnson & Associates, LLP
Frank Carvalho

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 November 19, 2020, in accordance with the Order Suspending Rules, issued in Project No. 50664.

/s/ David J. Tuckfield
David J. Tuckfield

EXHIBIT A

ASSUMED NAME CERTIFICATE

FOR INCORPORATED BUSINESS OR PROFESSION, LIMITED PARTNERSHIP, REGISTERED LIMITED LIABILITY PARTNERSHIP, OR LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY

Fees \$16.00

PURSUANT TO THE PROVISIONS OF CHAPTER 36, TITLE 4, BUSINESS AND COMMERCE CODE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS, THE UNDERSIGNED CERTIFIES THE FOLLOWING:

1. THE NAME OF THE CORPORATION, LIMITED PARTNERSHIP, REGISTERED LIMITED LIABILITY PARTNERSHIP, OR LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY AS STATED IN ITS ARTICLES OF INCORPORATION, ARTICLES OF ORGANIZATION, CERTIFICATE OF LIMITED PARTNERSHIP, APPLICATION, OR COMPARABLE DOCUMENT IS

Johnston & Associates LLP

2. THE ASSUMED NAME UNDER WHICH THE BUSINESS OR PROFESSIONAL SERVICE IS OR IS TO BE CONDUCTED OR RENDERED IS:

Johnston Legal Group, PC

3. THE STATE, COUNTY, OR OTHER JURISDICTION UNDER THE LAWS OF WHICH IT WAS INCORPORATED, ORGANIZED, OR ASSOCIATED IS Texas

AND THE ADDRESS OF ITS REGISTERED OR SIMILAR OFFICE IN THAT JURISDICTION IS 4200 Airport Freeway, Fort Worth, Texas

4. THE PERIOD, NOT TO EXCEED 10 YEARS, DURING WHICH THE ASSUMED NAME WILL BE USED IS 10 years

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5. THE ENTITY IS (please check one)

- A. Business Corporation
- B. Non-Profit Corporation
- C. Professional Corporation
- D. Professional Association
- E. Limited Partnership
- F. Limited Liability Company
- G. Registered Limited Liability Partnership or some other type of incorporated business, Professional or other Association (specify) Partnership

6. IF THE ENTITY IS REQUIRED TO MAINTAIN A REGISTERED OFFICE IN TEXAS, THE ADDRESS OF THE REGISTERED OFFICE IS _____

AND THE NAME OF THE REGISTERED AGENT AT SUCH ADDRESS IS: _____

_____. THE ADDRESS OF THE PRINCIPAL OFFICE (IF NOT THE SAME AS THE REGISTERED OFFICE) IS _____

7. IF THE ENTITY IS NOT REQUIRED OR DOES NOT MAINTAIN A REGISTERED OFFICE IN TEXAS, THE

OFFICE ADDRESS IN TEXAS IS 4200 Airport Freeway, Fort Worth, Texas

AND IF THE ENTITY IS NOT INCORPORATED, ORGANIZED OR ASSOCIATED UNDER THE LAWS OF TEXAS, THE ADDRESS OF ITS PLACE OF BUSINESS IN TEXAS IS _____ AND THE

OFFICE ADDRESS ELSEWHERE IS _____

8. THE COUNTY OR COUNTIES WHERE BUSINESS OR PROFESSIONAL SERVICES ARE BEING OR WILL TO BE CONDUCTED OR RENDERED UNDER SUCH ASSUMED NAME ARE (IF APPLICABLE, USE THE DESIGNATION "ALL" OR "ALL EXCEPT") All Texas Counties

including Harris, Tarrant, Bexar & Lubbock

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF _____, HAVE HEREUNTO SET _____ HAND(S) THIS THE _____ DAY _____, A.D., 20 _____.

Michael Johnston
Johnston

SIGNATURE OF OFFICER, GENERAL PARTNER, MANAGER, MEMBER, REPRESENTATIVE, OR ATTORNEY-IN-FACT OF THE ENTITY

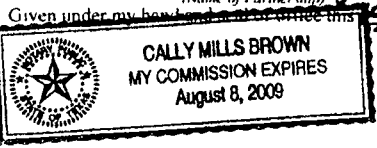
NOTE: A CERTIFICATE EXECUTED AND ACKNOWLEDGED BY AN ATTORNEY-IN-FACT SHALL INCLUDE A STATEMENT THAT THE ATTORNEY-IN-FACT HAS BEEN DULY AUTHORIZED IN WRITING BY HIS PRINCIPAL TO EXECUTE AND ACKNOWLEDGE THE SAME.

STATE OF TEXAS
COUNTY OF BEXAR

PARTNERSHIP ACKNOWLEDGMENT

This instrument was acknowledged before me on the 15th day of November, A.D., 2006 by

Michael Johnston
(Name of acknowledging partner or partners) partner(s) on behalf of
Johnston Legal Group PC
(Name of Partnership), a partnership



Given under my hand and seal of office this 15th day of November, A.D., 2006
GERRY RICKHOFF
COUNTY CLERK, BEXAR COUNTY, TEXAS

BY: _____ DEPUTY
OR: Gerry Rickhoff
NOTARY PUBLIC, STATE OF TEXAS

STATE OF TEXAS §
COUNTY OF BEXAR §

CORPORATE ACKNOWLEDGMENT

This instrument was acknowledged before me on the _____ day of _____, A.D., 20____ by

(Name of officer) _____
(Title of officer) of _____
(Name of Corporation), a _____
(State of Incorporation) corporation on behalf of
said corporation.

Given under my hand and seal of office this _____ day of _____, A.D., 20____.

GERRY RICKHOFF
COUNTY CLERK, BEXAR COUNTY, TEXAS
BY: _____ DEPUTY
OR: _____
NOTARY PUBLIC, STATE OF TEXAS

STATE OF TEXAS §
COUNTY OF BEXAR §

ATTORNEY-IN-FACT ACKNOWLEDGMENT

This instrument was acknowledged before me on the _____ day of _____, A.D., 20____ by

(Name of attorney-in-fact), as attorney-in-fact on behalf of _____
(Name of Principal),
an the attorney-in fact was duly authorized in writing by his principal
to execute and acknowledge the same.

Given under my hand and seal of office this _____ day of _____, A.D., 20____.

GERRY RICKHOFF
COUNTY CLERK, BEXAR COUNTY, TEXAS
BY: _____ DEPUTY
OR: _____
NOTARY PUBLIC, STATE OF TEXAS

STATE OF TEXAS §
COUNTY OF BEXAR §

STATUTORY ACKNOWLEDGMENT

This instrument was acknowledged before me on the _____ day of _____, A.D., 20____ by

(Name or name(s) of person or persons acknowledging)
Given under my hand and seal of office this _____ day of _____, A.D., 20____.

GERRY RICKHOFF
COUNTY CLERK, BEXAR COUNTY, TEXAS
BY: _____ DEPUTY
OR: _____
NOTARY PUBLIC, STATE OF TEXAS

No. _____
NAME OF BUSINESS _____
CERTIFICATE OF ASSUMED NAME _____
IN THE OFFICE OF THE COUNTY CLERK
DAY OF _____ A.D.,
20____ AT O'CLOCK _____ M.
GERRY RICKHOFF
COUNTY CLERK, BEXAR COUNTY, TEXAS
BY: _____
DEPUTY

OFFICE OF
BEVERLY B. KAUFMAN
COUNTY CLERK
HARRIS COUNTY, TEXAS

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11/27/2006 PERSONAL
\$15.00 ASSUM NTRY

This is to acknowledge receipt of certificate of operation under Assumed Name which was filed in my office for JOHNSTON LEGAL GROUP PC, under the file number as shown on the cash register validation above, and indexed in the Assumed Name Records as prescribed by law.

The certificate shows

JOHNSTON & ASSOCIATES LLP

to be the owner(s) of said business.

The period (not to exceed 10 years) during which the assumed name will be used is shown as NOVEMBER 27, 2006 through NOVEMBER 27, 2016.

Whenever there is a change of ownership, a withdrawal certificate shall be executed and duly acknowledged by the person or persons so withdrawing from or disposing of their interest in said business. Until such certificate has been filed, they shall remain liable for all debts incurred in the operation of said business.

Beverly B. Kaufman
County Clerk, Harris County


SANDRA RENEE LAWLER

Deputy

THE STATE OF TEXAS

COUNTY OF LUBBOCK

KNOW ALL MEN BY THESE PRESENTS:

THAT Johnston + Associates LLP, the undersigned, for the purpose of complying with Chapter 36, Title 4, Business and Commerce Code of the State of Texas, do hereby certify to the following facts:

1. Johnston Legal Group PC is the assumed name under which the business or professional services is or is to be conducted or rendered. The address of said business will be Dispute Management Center

4200 Airport Freeway Fort Worth TX 76117

2. BUSINESS IS TO BE CONDUCTED AS (Check which one):

- Sole Proprietorship
- Limited Partnership
- Non-Profit Corporation
- Sole Practitioner
- Joint Venture
- Professional Corporation
- General Partnership
- Joint Stock Company
- Non-Profit Organization
- Real Estate Investment Trust
- Business Corporation

3. Names and Addresses:

Name Johnston + Associates LLP Title Michael Johnston
 Address Dispute Management Center City Fort Worth, Texas
4200 Airport Freeway 76117

Name _____ Title _____ City _____
 Address _____

Name _____ Title _____
 Address _____ City _____

Name _____ Title _____
 Address _____ City _____

4. (This section to be completed by corporations)

The state, country, or other jurisdiction under the laws of which it was incorporated is _____ The address of the corporation's registered office in Texas is _____ and the registered agent at such address is _____. The county or counties where business or professional services are being or are to be conducted or rendered under such assumed name is _____.

5. The period, not to exceed 10 years from the date filed in the County Clerk's Office, is 10 years.

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, _____ have hereunto set _____ hand, this the _____ day of _____, 20_____.

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VC 11/27/06 #2006763455

LUBBOCK COUNTY CLERK

Michael Johnston
General Partner,
Johnston + Associates LLP

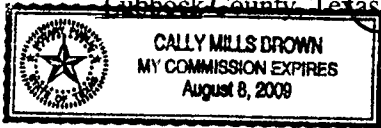
(Acknowledgment)

THE STATE OF TEXAS }
COUNTY OF LUBBOCK }

Before me, the undersigned authority, on this day personally appeared Michael Johnston
General Partner of Johnston Associates LLP known
to me to be the person(s) whose name(s) 13 subscribed to the foregoing instrument, and acknowledged
to me that he executed the same for the purposes and consideration therein expressed.

Given under my hand and seal of office on this the 15th day of November, A.D. 2006.

C. M. Drown Notary Public.
Lubbock County, Texas. My Commission expires 8/8/09.



	Certificate of ASSUMED NAME	No. _____
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(Corporate/Partnership Acknowledgment)

THE STATE OF TEXAS }
COUNTY OF LUBBOCK }

Before me, the undersigned authority, on this day personally appeared _____,
_____ of _____, a
partnership/corporation known to me to be the person whose name(s) _____ subscribed to the foregoing instrument,
and acknowledged to me that he executed the same for the purposes and consideration therein expressed, in the
capacity therein stated and as the act and deed of said partnership/corporation.

Given under my hand and seal of office on this the _____ day of _____, A.D. 20__.

Lubbock County, Texas. My Commission expires _____.

SUZANNE HENDERSON, County Clerk
TARRANT COUNTY COURTHOUSE
100 WEST WEATHERFORD
FORT WORTH, TX 76196-0401

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Certificate of Assumed Name
File # A206017684

I, SUZANNE HENDERSON, County Clerk of the County of TARRANT COUNTY, do hereby certify that
JOHNSTON ASSOCIATES LLP

has filed in the office of the County Clerk on the 14TH day of November 2006 A.D., a certificate
setting forth the name of

JOHNSTON LEGAL GROUP PC

DISPUTE MANAGEMENT CENTER, 4200 AIRPORT FREEWAY, FT WORTH, TX, 76117
under which business is to be conducted or transacted, together with the true full name of each person
conducting such business:

NAME

JOHNSTON ASSOCIATES LLP

Witness my hand and seal of office, this the 14TH day of November 2006 A.D. .



SUZANNE HENDERSON

County Clerk of TARRANT COUNTY, TX

BY

Stephanie San Martin
STEPHANIE SAN MARTIN, Deputy

EXHIBIT B

Form 701
(Revised 10/04)

Return in duplicate to
Secretary of State
P O Box 13697
Austin, TX 78711-3697
512 463-5555
FAX 512 463-5709

Filing Fee: See instructions



Registration of a
Limited Liability Partnership

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In the Office of the
Secretary of State of Texas

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Corporations Section

The named partnership hereby applies to become a registered limited liability partnership pursuant to section 3 08(b) of the Texas Revised Partnership Act.

1. The name of the partnership is.

Johnston & Associates, LLP

The name must include the words "registered limited liability partnership" or "limited liability partnership" or the abbreviation "LLP" or "LLP."

2 The federal employer identification number of the partnership is. _____

The partnership has not obtained a federal employer identification number at this time

3 The street address of the partnership's principal office is

307 West Seventh Street, Ste. 800	Fort Worth	TX		76102
<i>Street or Mailing Address</i>	<i>City</i>	<i>State</i>	<i>Country</i>	<i>Zip Code</i>

4 The number of partners at the date of the application is. 2

In a limited partnership, only state the number of general partners. Do not include limited partners

5 The partnership's business is:

Providing legal services and services ancillary to legal services

- A. This document becomes effective when the document is filed by the secretary of state
B. This document becomes effective at a later date, which is not more than ninety (90) days from the date of signing. The delayed effective date is: _____



The undersigned signs this document subject to the penalties imposed by law for the submission of a materially false or fraudulent instrument.

Date. 12/30/24

Johnston & Associates, LLP

Name of the partnership

BY


Michael W Johnston

EXHIBIT C



Office of the Secretary of State

October 1, 2010

Johnston & Associates, LLP
4200 Airport Freeway
Fort Worth, TX 76117

RE: Renewal of LLP registration

Dear Sir or Madam,

The limited liability partnership registration of **Johnston & Associates, LLP**, file number 800433911, will expire on **12/30/2010**. To renew the registration for an additional term of one year, the partnership must complete and return the enclosed renewal form to this office, along with the filing fee, on or before the expiration date. The filing fee is \$200 for each general partner. Should the partnership choose to let the limited liability partnership registration expire without renewal, no action is necessary. If, however, the partnership wishes to continue as a limited liability partnership but fails to submit the renewal and filing fee before the expiration date, a new application for registration will be required. (See Form 701.)

Duplicate copies of the signed renewal form and the filing fee should be submitted to the Secretary of State, Business & Public Filings Division, Corporations Section, P.O. Box 13697, Austin, Texas, 78711-3697

REMINDER: In addition to registering with the secretary of state and meeting the naming requirements contained in chapter 5, Texas Business Organizations Code ("BOC"), a limited liability partnership must also meet the insurance or financial responsibility requirements of 152.804 of the BOC.

REMINDER: Limited liability partnerships are subject to state franchise taxes. For franchise tax information, please contact the comptroller of public accounts by telephone at (512) 463-4600, (800) 252-1381, or on the Web at <http://window.state.tx.us/taxinfo/franchise/index.html>.

If we may be of further service at any time, please let us know.

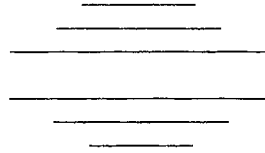
Regards,

Corporations Section
Business & Public Filings Division
(512) 463-5582

Enclosure

EXHIBIT D

JOHNSTON LEGAL GROUP PC



November 17, 2020

VIA Email: david@allawgp.com

David J. Tuckfield
12400 Highway 71 West
Suite 350-150
Austin, TX 78738

**Re: Tax Clearance Letter/Request for Reinstatement
Expedited Service Requested due to Real Estate Closing
Johnston & Associates, LLP
Tax ID 12020792755**


Dear David:

Enclosed please find the correspondence and form that we have sent to the Comptroller's Office in order to reinstate Johnston & Associates, LLP.

If you have any questions, please let us know.

Sincerely,

JOHNSTON LEGAL GROUP PC

By: 
Michael W. Johnston

Board Certified Texas Board of Legal Specialization
Civil Trial Law
Consumer and Commercial Law
Board Certified National Board of Trial Advocacy
Civil Trial Law
Civil Pre-Trial Practice Advocacy
AV Preeminent Rated – Martindale Hubbell

MWJ:kbj
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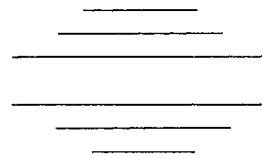
PLEASE REPLY TO:

ABILENE
DALLAS
FORT WORTH
HOUSTON
LUBBOCK
OKLAHOMA CITY
SAN ANTONIO

1616 WABASH
FORT WORTH, TEXAS 76107
(817) 820-0825

PRINCIPAL OFFICE
IN FORT WORTH
ALL OFFICES ARE BY
APPOINTMENT ONLY

JOHNSTON LEGAL GROUP PC



November 17, 2020

Comptroller of Public Accounts
P.O. Box 149348
Austin, TX 78714-9348

**Re: Tax Clearance Letter/Request for Reinstatement
Expedited Service Requested due to Real Estate Closing
Johnston & Associates, LLP
Tax ID 12020792755**

Dear Sir or Madam:

In the process of preparing for a real estate closing, we were informed that Johnston & Associates, LLP was listed by the Secretary of State as an entity whose Certificate has been revoked. According to the Comptroller's Office, all the required fees and taxes have been paid. If our understand is incorrect, please contact us immediately so that we can rectify the situation. Otherwise, please issue a tax clearance letter so that we can send it to the Secretary of State.

Enclosed please find the Tax Clearance Letter/Request for Reinstatement form for your consideration. We can be reached at:

817-820-0825
800-771-6946
817-253-2482 (cell)

We can also be reached by email. Our email address is Johnston@johnstonlegalgroup.com.

PLEASE REPLY TO:

ABILENE
DALLAS
FORT WORTH
HOUSTON
LUBBOCK
OKLAHOMA CITY
SAN ANTONIO

1616 WABASH
FORT WORTH, TEXAS 76107
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If you have any questions, please let us know.

Sincerely,

JOHNSTON LEGAL GROUP PC

By: 
Michael W. Johnston
Board Certified Texas Board of Legal Specialization
Civil Trial Law
Consumer and Commercial Law
Board Certified National Board of Trial Advocacy
Civil Trial Law
Civil Pre-Trial Practice Advocacy
AV Preeminent Rated – Martindale Hubbell

MWJ:kbj
Enclosures



Tax Clearance Letter Request for Reinstatement

In order to reinstate an entity, the Texas Secretary of State requires evidence that the entity has met certain franchise tax requirements. To provide this evidence, the Comptroller's office issues a Tax Clearance Letter, Form 05-377. This letter must be included as part of the reinstatement filing with the Secretary of State.

Information about other filing requirements with the Secretary of State is online at www.sos.state.tx.us.

Obtaining a Tax Clearance Letter

All franchise tax reports and signed Information Reports through the reinstatement date must be filed. All franchise tax, penalty and interest must be paid.

- If all required reports and payments are already on file, complete and return this request.

OR

- If all required reports and payments are not on file, send any missing reports and payments along with this request.

Taxpayer name Johnston & Associates, LLP	11-digit Texas taxpayer number 12020792755
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Select how the Tax Clearance Letter should be sent. Please note that requests are processed in the order received, regardless of the format you select.

Please select only one:

<input type="checkbox"/> Mail	Recipient: _____
	Street: _____
	City, state and ZIP code: _____
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> PDF	Email address: Johnston@Johnstonlegalgroup.com
<input type="checkbox"/> FAX	FAX number (Area code and number): _____

Mail this request and all missing reports and/or payments to:

Comptroller of Public Accounts
P.O. Box 149348
Austin, TX 78714-9348

Requestor name (Type or print) Michael W. Johnston	Telephone number and extension 817-820-0825
sign here 	Date 11/17/20

FOR ASSISTANCE: Franchise tax information is available online at www.comptroller.texas.gov/taxes/franchise/. For additional assistance, call 1-800-252-1381.

You have certain rights under Chapters 552 and 559, Government Code, to review, request and correct information we have on file about you. Contact us at the address or phone number listed on this form.