

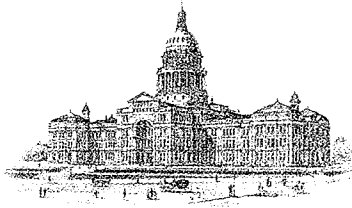


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September 8, 2021

Public Utility Commission of Texas
1701 N. Congress Avenue
Austin, Texas 78711

Re: Petition of Compass Data Centers DFW III, LLC to amend Rockett Special Utility District's Certificate of Convenience and Necessity in Ellis County by Expedited Release Case 51545-30

Re: Docket No. 49871 - Petition of The City of Red Oak Industrial Development Corporation to Amend Rockett Special Utility District's Water Certificate of Convenience and Necessity in Dallas and Ellis Counties by Expedited Release

Dear Commissioners:

Please let this letter serve as notice of my support of the petition of Compass Data Centers DFW III, LLC to amend Rockett Special Utility District's Certificate of Convenience and Necessity (CCN) in Ellis County. As an elected official representing Ellis County, I believe the economic development advantage of granting this petition is important for this community. I request that this petition be placed on the next open meeting agenda to be held by the Commission on September 23, 2021.

I also would like to respectfully request your thoughtful and rigorous evaluation to reconsider the motion by Red Oak Industrial Development Corporation (ROIDC) to rehear the petition submitted by the City of Red Oak Industrial Development Corporation (CROIDC) seeking to amend Rockett Special Utility Districts' CCN number 10099. I believe that the City of Red Oak, located in Ellis County, would benefit from the economic stimulation that would undoubtedly take place if this petition were granted. The ROIDC has spent countless hours on this petition. The inclusion of CROIDC as the petitioner instead of ROIDC is a case of a harmless misnomer. ROIDC and CROIDC have the same officers, the same legal counsel, and serve the same purpose. I request that the Commission grant the request to reconsider the motion for rehearing filed on March 30, 2021.

I have spoken at length with local officials in this community about this petition, and can assure you of their unified and steadfast support. Again, I want to reiterate my support for both of these petitions, and I request that the Commission amend the CCN for both Compass Data Centers and City of Red Oak Industrial Development Corporation.

Sincerely,

Brian Birdwell
Senate District 22

