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APPLICATION OF EAST HOUSTON UTILITIES TO AMEND ITS CERTIFICATE OF CONVENIENCE AND NECESSITY IN HARRIS COUNTY §
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PUBLIC UTILITY COMMISSION OF TEXAS

**ORDER NO. 1
REQUIRING COMMENTS ON ADMINISTRATIVE COMPLETENESS
AND PROPOSED NOTICE, ADDRESSING OTHER PROCEDURAL MATTERS**

I. Application

This Order addresses the December 11, 2020, application of East Houston Utilities to amend its water certificate of convenience and necessity (CCN) number 11984 in Harris County. The amendment proposes to add 105 acres.

II. Requiring Comments on the Administrative Completeness of the Application and Proposed Notice, and Clarification of Applicant Name

By January 11, 2021, Commission Staff must file comments on the administrative completeness of the application and proposed notice. By January 11, 2021, East Houston and Commission Staff must file a recommendation regarding how to proceed with the application and propose a procedural schedule. Additionally, CCN number 11984 is assigned to Krebs Utilities Inc., not East Houston Utilities. The administrative law judge (ALJ) notes that Krebs Utilities is listed assumed name of East Houston Utilities in the Texas secretary of state database. By January 11, 2021, Commission Staff and the applicant must clarify the correct applicant name and file a recommendation as to whether restyling the docket is appropriate.

III. Discovery

Discovery may proceed informally; however, objections to requests for information (RFIs) must be filed and served within 10 days of receiving the RFI. Objections must include a statement that negotiations were conducted diligently and in good faith. If the parties are unable to resolve a discovery dispute, a motion to compel a response to an RFI must be filed and served within five working days of receipt of an objection. The motion to compel must specify the grounds for the motion.

IV. Filings

Unless otherwise specified, an original and ten copies of documents relating to this

proceeding must be filed with the Commission's filing clerk in accordance with 16 Texas Administration Code (TAC) § 22.71. **In light of the Commission's Second Order entered in Docket No. 50664, this requirement will be considered satisfied if pleadings are filed with the Commission through the Interchange on the Commission's website as long as the Commission's Second Order is in effect.**¹

Service of pleadings is typically governed by 16 TAC § 22.74. However, as long as the Commission's Second Order remains in effect, all parties must file any pleading or document with the Commission solely through the Interchange on the Commission's website and provide notice, by email, to all other parties that the pleading or document has been filed with the Commission, unless otherwise ordered by the presiding officer. It will be incumbent upon all other parties to obtain a copy of the pleading or document by accessing the Interchange at: <https://interchange.puc.texas.gov>.

All parties are required to provide their current addresses, **e-mail addresses**, telephone and fax numbers, if available, to all other parties and to the Commission by filing and serving all parties with such information. Each party must provide the Commission and all parties with updated address, **e-mail address**, telephone, and fax information if such information changes. The **e-mail addresses**, telephone and fax numbers will be included on the service list for the convenience of the parties. Parties are responsible for updating their own service lists to reflect changed information and the addition of any other parties.

V. Ex Parte Communications

Ex parte communications with the ALJ are prohibited under 16 TAC § 22.3(b)(2). Parties must communicate with the ALJ only through written documents filed with the Commission's filing clerk and served on all parties. Questions concerning this Order or any other order must be submitted in writing, filed with the Commission, and served on all parties of record.

¹ See *Issues Related the State of Disaster for Coronavirus Disease 2019*, Docket No. 50664, Second Order Suspending Rules (July 16, 2020).

Signed at Austin, Texas the 15 day of December 2020.

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A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Katie Moore", written in black ink.

KATIE MOORE
ADMINISTRATIVE LAW JUDGE