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APPLICATION OF AQUA TEXAS,	§	PUBLIC UTILITY COMMISSION
INC. TO AMEND ITS CERTIFICATE	§	
OF CONVENIENCE AND	§	OF TEXAS
NECESSITY IN WILLIAMSON	§	
COUNTY	§	

**COMMISSION STAFF’S REQUEST FOR REFERRAL TO THE STATE OFFICE OF
ADMINISTRATIVE HEARINGS**

On June 1, 2021, Aqua Texas, Inc. (Aqua Texas) filed an application to amend its sewer Certificate of Convenience and Necessity (CCN) number 21116 in Williamson County. The requested service area consists of 127 acres and 0 current customers. Aqua Texas filed confirmation of mailed notice on July 2 and July 27, 2020. On August 26, 2021, Jonah Water Special Utility District (Jonah) filed its request to be added to the service list.

On August 31, 2021, the administrative law judge filed Order No. 3, establishing a deadline of September 10, 2021 for the Staff (Staff) of the Public Utility Commission of Texas (Commission) to request a hearing on the merits or provide final maps and certificates to the applicant for review and consent. Therefore, this pleading is timely filed.

I. REQUEST FOR REFERRAL

On September 8, 2021, the City of Georgetown filed its second motion to intervene and request for hearing.¹ Also on September 8, 2021, Jonah filed a request for hearing.² Consequently, in lieu of Staff providing final maps and certificates to the applicant for review and consent, Staff respectfully requests that this docket be referred to the State Office of Administrative Hearings (SOAH) for a hearing on the merits.

II. CONCLUSION

For the reason detailed above, Staff respectfully requests the entry of an order referring the case to SOAH for a hearing on the merits.

¹ The City of Georgetown’s Second Motion to Intervene and Request for Hearing (September 8, 2021).

² Jonah Water Special Utility District’s Request for Hearing (September 8, 2021).

Dated: September 9, 2021

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 September 9, 2021, in accordance with the Order Suspending Rules, issued in Project No. 50664.

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