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APPLICATION OF EVAN STATON	§	PUBLIC UTILITY COMMISSION
FOR SALE, TRANSFER, OR MERGER	§	
OF EXEMPT UTILITY	§	OF TEXAS
REGISTRATION	§	

## COMMISSION STAFF'S RECOMMENDATION ON NOTICE

On June 30, 2021, Garth Duncan, Rhonda Hardin, and Evan Staton (collectively, Applicants) filed what appears to be an application for the sale, transfer, or merger (STM) of an exempt utility and associated registration number N0059. The Applicants filed supplemental information on October 14, 2021, and December 8, 2021.

On January 10, 2022, the administrative law judge (ALJ) filed Order No. 7, requiring the Staff (Staff) of the Public Utility Commission of Texas (Commission), to a recommendation on sufficiency of notice by February 17, 2022. Therefore, this pleading is timely filed.

#### I. NOTICE

On January 7, 2022, Staff recommended that the Applicants proceed with providing public notice to all current customers and to each future customer at the time they connect to the system. To date, the Applicants have not filed proof that notice was provided to all existing customers. Therefore, Staff recommends that notice be deemed insufficient at this time. Staff further recommends that Mr. Staton be directed to provide notice of the application to all existing customers and file in the docket a copy of the signed "Water Service Application/Agreement" from each of the existing customers. A copy of the required form is attached to this pleading. The relevant "Water Service Application/Agreement" is contained on page numbers 9 and 10 of the attached document.

### II. CONCLUSION

For the reasons detailed above, Staff recommends that notice be found insufficient, and that the Applicants be directed to provide notice as described.

Dated: February 17, 2022

Respectfully submitted,

# PUBLIC UTILITY COMMISSION OF TEXAS LEGAL DIVISION

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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 February 17, 2022, in accordance with the Order Suspending Rules, filed in Project No. 50664.

/s/ John Harrison\_\_\_\_\_ John Harrison