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APPLICATION OF EAST HOUSTON	§	PUBLIC UTILITY COMMISSION
UTILITIES INC. FOR AUTHORITY TO	§	
CHANGE RATES	§§	OF TEXAS

**COMMISSION STAFF'S RECOMMENDATION ON ADMINISTRATIVE
COMPLETENESS**

On July 29, 2021, East Houston Utilities Inc. (East Houston) filed an application for authority to change rates under Texas Water Code §§ 13.1871 and 13.1872(c)(2) for its certificate of convenience and necessity (CCN) number 12042.

On September 15, 2021, the administrative law judge (ALJ) filed Order No. 2 and set a deadline of October 5, 2021 for East Houston to file documentation supplementing its application, and November 4, 2021 for Staff to file a supplemental recommendation regarding administrative completeness and propose a procedural schedule, if appropriate. Order No. 3 required Staff to clarify a discrepancy between its cover pleading and the memorandum attached to the same on or before November 12, 2021. Therefore, this pleading is timely filed.

I. STAFF CLARIFICATION ON ADMINISTRATIVE COMPLETENESS

Staff's November 4, 2021 cover pleading inadvertently misstated that the application of East Houston was administratively complete. Rather, Staff reviewed the application and, as detailed in the memoranda from Leila Guerrero, Rate Regulation Division attached to Staff's November 4, 2021 filing, Staff determined that the application continues to be considered *insufficient* and administratively *incomplete*. In addition, Staff recommends that East Houston be granted a deadline of December 6, 2021 to cure the deficiencies identified in Ms. Guerrero's memorandum. Finally, Staff requests that it be granted a deadline of January 12, 2022, to file a supplemental recommendation on the administrative completeness of the application.

II. PROCEDURAL SCHEDULE

In accordance with Staff's deficiency recommendation, Staff does not propose a procedural schedule for further processing of the docket at this time. Staff intends to propose a

procedural schedule alongside a subsequent recommendation that the application be found administratively complete.

III. CONCLUSION

For the reasons detailed above, Staff recommends that the application be found administratively incomplete, that East Houston be granted a deadline of December 6, 2021 to file to cure the deficiencies described in the November 4, 2021 memorandum by Ms. Guerrero, and that Staff be granted a deadline of January 12, 2021 to file its supplemental recommendation on the administrative completeness of the application.

Dated: November 12, 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 November 12, 2021, in accordance with the Order Suspending Rules, issued in Project No. 50664.

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