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

**COMMISSION STAFF'S CLARIFICATION 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 January 13, 2021, the administrative law judge (ALJ) filed Order No. 5 and set a deadline of January 21, 2022 for Staff to clarify a discrepancy between its cover pleading and the memorandum attached to the same. Therefore, this pleading is timely filed.

**I. STAFF CLARIFICATION ON ADMINISTRATIVE COMPLETENESS**

Staff's January 13, 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 January 13, 2022 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 February 11, 2022 to cure the deficiencies identified in Ms. Guerrero's memorandum. Finally, Staff requests that it be granted a deadline of March 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 February 11, 2022 to file to cure the deficiencies described in the January 12, 2022 memorandum by Ms. Guerrero, and that Staff be granted a deadline of March 12, 2021 to file its supplemental recommendation on the administrative completeness of the application.

Dated: January 21, 2022

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 January 21, 2022, in accordance with the Order Suspending Rules, issued in Project No. 50664.

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