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<b>APPLICATION OF LIBERTY COUNTY UTILITIES, LLC FOR WATER AND SEWER CERTIFICATES OF CONVENIENCE AND NECESSITY IN LIBERTY COUNTY</b>	<b>§ § § § §</b>	<b>PUBLIC UTILITY COMMISSION  OF TEXAS</b>
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**COMMISSION STAFF’S RECOMMENDATION ON SUFFICIENCY OF NOTICE**

On August 5, 2021, Liberty County Utilities, LLC (Liberty County) filed an application to obtain a water and sewer certificate of convenience and necessity (CCN) in Liberty County, Texas under Texas Water Code (TWC) § 13.254(a) and 16 Texas Administrative Code (TAC) § 24.245(h). Liberty County filed supplemental information on August 6, 2021, October 5, 2021 and October 6, 2021.

On November 9, 2021, the administrative law judge (ALJ) filed Order No. 3, establishing a deadline of January 10, 2022 for the Staff (Staff) of the Public Utility Commission of Texas (Commission) to file a recommendation on the sufficiency of notice. Therefore, this pleading is timely filed.

**I. SUFFICIENCY OF NOTICE**

Liberty County filed proof of completed notice on November 29, 2021. Staff has reviewed Liberty County’s signed affidavits attesting that a copy of the notice provided by Staff was sent to the neighboring utilities and other affected parties described in Staff’s recommendation on administrative completeness, and that the notice was published in a newspaper of general circulation in Liberty County for two consecutive weeks. Liberty County filed tear sheets showing notice was published in the Liberty County Vindicator on November 11 and 18, 2021. Pursuant to this review, Staff recommends that the notice be found sufficient.

**II. PROCEDURAL SCHEDULE**

Staff proposes the following procedural schedule for continued processing of this docket:

<b>Event</b>	<b>Date</b>
Notice completed	November 29, 2021

Deadline for intervention	December 29, 2021
Deadline for Staff to provide final maps, certificates, and tariffs (if applicable), to Liberty County for review and consent	February 28, 2022
Deadline for Liberty County to file signed consent forms with the Commission	March 14, 2022
If no hearing is requested, deadline for Staff to file a final recommendation on the Application	March 22, 2022
If no hearing is requested, deadline for parties to file joint proposed findings of fact and conclusions of law	March 28, 2022

### **III. CONCLUSION**

For the reasons stated above, Staff respectfully requests recommends that Liberty County's notice be found sufficient.

Dated: January 10, 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 10, 2022, in accordance with the Order Suspending Rules, issued in Project No. 50664.

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