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**PETITION BY LEGACY EQUESTRIAN § BEFORE THE
CENTER LLC FOR EXPEDITED RELEASE § PUBLIC UTILITY COMMISSION
FROM WATER CCN NO 10150 HELD BY § OF TEXAS
MARILEE SPECIAL UTILITY DISTRICT IN §
COLLIN COUNTY §**

**LEGACY EQUESTRIAN CENTER LLC'S REPLY TO MARILEE SPECIAL UTILITY
DISTRICT'S VERIFIED RESPONSE AND COMMISSION STAFF'S
RECOMMENDATION ON FINAL DISPOSITION**

TO THE PUBLIC UTILITY COMMISSION OF TEXAS:

Legacy Equestrian Center LLC, a Texas limited liability company ("Petitioner"), files its Reply to Marilee Special Utility District's ("Marilee") Verified Response to its Petition and Public Utility Commission Staff's ("Commission Staff") Recommendation on Final Disposition and shows as follows:

I. Procedural Background

On August 16, 2021, Petitioner filed its Petition for streamlined expedited release of approximately 67.696 acres of land (the "Property") from Marilee's Certificate of Convenience and Necessity ("CCN") No. 10150. The Petition was found administratively complete on September 15, 2021. *See* Order No. 2. Marilee filed its Response to the Petition on October 4, 2021. On October 18, 2021, Commission Staff filed its Recommendation on Final Disposition. Petitioner now files its Reply to Marilee's Response to the Petition and Commission Staff's recommendation. This Reply is timely filed pursuant to Order No. 2.

II. Argument and Authority

A. Petitioner concurs with Commission Staff's Recommendation on Final Disposition.

Commission Staff recommends that the Petition be approved because it satisfies the requirements of Texas Water Code section 13.2541(b) and 16 Texas Administrative Code section

24.245(h). TEX. WATER CODE § 13.2541(b); 16 TEX. ADMIN. CODE § 24.254(h). Specifically, the Petition shows that the Property is located in a qualifying county, is not receiving water service, and is at least 25 acres. Petitioner agrees with these findings and Commission Staff's recommendation on final disposition.

B. The Property is not receiving water service.

In its Response to the Petition, Marilee argues that the Property is receiving water service and does not qualify for decertification on that basis. The portion of the Property that Petitioner seeks to release contains no meters or service lines, and is, therefore, not receiving service. *See Tex. Gen. Land Office v. Crystal Clear Water Supply Corp.*, 449 S.W.3d 130, 140 (Tex. App.—Austin, 2014, pet. denied). This is the standard the Commission considered when granting streamlined expedited release in Docket No. 50404. *See Petition of Sterling Deason O'Donnell and Darwin Deason, Co-Trustees of the Sterling Deason O'Donnell DD 2012 Trust Agreement of the DD 2014-B Grantor Retained Annuity Trust to Amend Marilee Special Utility District's Certificate of Convenience and Necessity in Collin County by Expedited Release*, Docket No. 50404; Order at Conclusion of Law No. 9. Accordingly, the instant Petition should, likewise, be granted.

C. Marilee's Assertion of Federal Debt does not prevent decertification.

In Marilee's various pleadings in this, and other dockets, it is unclear whether Marilee is improperly seeking to acquire federal debt during the pendency of applications for decertification ^{OR} ~~or~~ has improperly acquired federal debt with the intention of thwarting all petitions for streamlined expedited release from its CCN, including this one.¹ In any event, there is no federal case law

¹ Unbeknownst to Petitioner at the time, Marilee improperly applied for federal debt during the pendency of Docket No. 50404. This improper application impacts this docket according to Marilee. *See* Marilee's Response to Petition. Marilee filed its application on April 13, 2021. Docket No. 50404 was pending from December 30, 2021 through

holding that acquisition of federal debt by a CCN hold prevents the Property from being released from its CCN under Texas Water Code section 13.2541. *See* TEXAS WATER CODE § 13.2541. As such, the Petition should be granted.

III. Conclusion and Prayer

WHEREFORE, Petitioner respectfully requests that the Commission grant the Petition and remove the Property from sewer CCN number 10150.

Respectfully submitted,

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October 12, 2021. No federal debt should have been sought during that time period or the pendency of any other docket.

CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I certify that a true and correct copy of this document was served on the following attorney of record on or before October 25, 2021 in accordance with 16 Tex. Admin. Code § 22.74(c).

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