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APPLICATION OF CRYSTAL	§	PUBLIC UTILITY COMMISSION
SPRINGS WATER COMPANY, INC.	§	
TO AMEND ITS CERTIFICATES OF	§	OF TEXAS
CONVENIENCE AND NECESSITY IN	§	
MONTGOMERY COUNTY	§	

COMMISSION STAFF’S SUPPLEMENTAL RECOMMENDATION ON SUFFICIENCY OF NOTICE AND PROPOSED PROCEDURAL SCHEDULE

On August 17, 2021, Crystal Springs Water Company, Inc. (Crystal Springs) filed an application to amend Certificates of Convenience and Necessity (CCN) in Montgomery County. Crystal Springs holds water CCN No. 11373 and sewer CCN No. 20906. The requested service area consists of 2,364 acres, zero existing connections, and 3,655 proposed connections. Crystal Springs filed supplemental information on August 25, 2021. Crystal Springs filed its proof of notice on October 7, 2021 and November 10, 2021.

On September 16, 2021, the administrative law judge (ALJ) filed Order No. 2, establishing a deadline of November 11, 2021 for the Staff (Staff) of the Public Utility Commission of Texas (Commission) to file a recommendation on the sufficiency of the notice. On November 10, 2021, Commission Staff filed its recommendation that notice be found deficient and Crystal Springs subsequently filed additional information to cure the deficiencies. As such, Staff files this pleading recommending that notice be found sufficient.

I. SUFFICIENCY OF NOTICE

Crystal Springs filed Affidavits of Notice to Current Customers, Landowners, Neighboring Utilities, and Affected Parties on October 7, 2021, indicating that notice was sent on September 16, 2021. Crystal Springs also listed on the affidavits the individuals and entities to whom notice was provided and included copies of those notices and a copy of the map deemed sufficient during administrative review. To substantiate why notice was not sent to Montgomery County Municipal Utility District (MUD) 163, Crystal Springs filed a screenshot from the TCEQ database on November 10, 2021, indicating that Montgomery County MUD 163 is currently inactive and dormant. Additionally, Crystal Springs filed a Publisher’s Affidavit on October 7, 2021, indicating that notice was published in a newspaper of general circulation in Montgomery County through the *Houston Chronicle dba Conroe Courier* on September 18, 2021 and September 25, 2021.

Crystal Springs also filed the newspaper tear sheets to demonstrate publication on November 10, 2021. Lastly, Crystal Springs filed these affidavits within 30 days of providing individual and published notice. Staff has reviewed the proof of notice and recommends that Crystal Springs provided notice in accordance with Staff's recommendations on proposed notice filed on September 16, 2021. As such, Staff recommends that notice be found sufficient under 16 Texas Administrative Code (TAC) § 24.235.

II. PROPOSED PROCEDURAL SCHEDULE

In accordance with Staff's recommendation that notice be found sufficient, Staff proposes the following procedural schedule:

Event	Date
Notice Completed	September 25, 2021
Deadline for intervention	October 25, 2021
Deadline for Staff to file final maps, certificates, and tariffs (if applicable) to Crystal Springs for review and consent	December 15, 2021
Deadline for Crystal Springs to file signed consent form with the Commission	December 29, 2021
If no hearing is requested, deadline for Staff to file a final recommendation on the application	January 12, 2021
If no hearing is requested, deadline for parties to file joint proposed findings of fact, conclusions of law, and ordering paragraphs	January 19, 2021

III. CONCLUSION

For the reasons detailed above, Staff recommends that Crystal Springs' notice be found sufficient and that the proposed procedural schedule be adopted. Staff respectfully requests the entry of an order consistent with these recommendations.

Dated: November 12, 2021

Respectfully submitted,

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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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