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

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**ORDER NO. 1
SEVERING PROCEEDINGS, ESTABLISHING DOCKET,
RESTYLING DOCKET, AND ABATING PROCEEDING**

I. Background

On August 17, 2021, Crystal Springs Water Company, Inc. filed the application at issue in this proceeding, seeking to amend its certificates of convenience and necessity (CCN) in Montgomery County. Crystal Springs holds water CCN number 11373 and sewer CCN number 20906. Crystal Springs seeks to amend both of its CCNs to add a requested service area that consists of 2,364 acres, zero existing connections, and 3,655 proposed connections.

II. Severance

By motion filed July 18, 2022, the parties now ask that the application be severed into two dockets, one addressing the requested water CCN amendment, and the other addressing the requested sewer CCN amendment. Specifically, the substantive prerequisites to final approval are different for water CCN amendments and sewer CCN amendments, particularly regarding preliminary approvals that are needed from the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality (TCEQ). The parties explain

that, in this proceeding, Crystal Springs has received the necessary TCEQ approvals to proceed on the requested water CCN amendment but has not received the necessary TCEQ approvals to proceed on the requested sewer CCN amendment.

The administrative law judge (ALJ) finds that severance is warranted, under 16 Texas Administrative Code § 22.34, because it would serve the interest of efficiency. Accordingly, the ALJ grants the parties' motion to sever and orders Docket No. 52440 to be severed into two different dockets, as follows:

1. Docket No. 52440 will address the requested water CCN amendment and will be styled: *Application of Crystal Springs Water Company, Inc. to Amend its Water Certificate of Convenience and Necessity in Montgomery County*;
2. New Docket No. 53842 will address the requested sewer CCN amendment and will be styled: *Application of Crystal Springs Water Company, Inc. to Amend its Sewer Certificate of Convenience and Necessity in Montgomery County*; and.
3. So that the record in both matters will be complete, the ALJ deems all documents filed prior to the date of this Order on the Commission's interchange in Docket No. 52440 to be incorporated by reference and also a part of the record for Docket No. 53842.

III. Abating Docket No. 53842

Due to the pending nature of the TCEQ approvals needed to proceed on the requested sewer CCN amendment, the ALJ abates Docket No. 53842 until the necessary TCEQ approvals are received. The parties shall file, in Docket No. 53842, quarterly status reports beginning October 1, 2022.

IV. Procedural Schedule for Docket No. 52440


The ALJ adopts the procedural schedule for Docket No. 52440 as follows:

Event	Date
Deadline for Commission Staff to file final map, certificate, and tariff (if applicable) to Crystal Springs for review and consent	August 4, 2022
Deadline for Crystal Springs to file signed consent form with the Commission	August 11, 2022
If no hearing is requested, deadline for Commission Staff to file a final recommendation on the application	August 18, 2022

If no hearing is requested, deadline for parties to file joint proposed findings of fact, conclusions of law, and ordering paragraphs	September 1, 2022
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Signed at Austin, Texas the 21st day of July 2022.

PUBLIC UTILITY COMMISSION OF TEXAS



JEFFREY J. HUHN
ADMINISTRATIVE LAW JUDGE