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<b>PETITION OF MERITAGE HOMES OF</b>	<b>§</b>	<b>PUBLIC UTILITY COMMISSION</b>
<b>TEXAS, LLC TO AMEND NORTH</b>	<b>§</b>	
<b>COLLIN SPECIAL UTILITY</b>	<b>§</b>	<b>OF TEXAS</b>
<b>DISTRICT'S CERTIFICATE OF</b>	<b>§</b>	
<b>CONVENIENCE AND NECESSITY IN</b>	<b>§</b>	
<b>COLLIN COUNTY BY EXPEDITED</b>	<b>§</b>	
<b>RELEASE</b>	<b>§</b>	

**COMMISSION STAFF'S UNOPPOSED REQUEST FOR EXTENSION**

On August 18, 2021, Meritage Homes of Texas, LLC (Meritage) filed a petition for streamlined expedited release from the North Collin Special Utility District's (North Collin SUD) water Certificate of Convenience and Necessity (CCN) No. 11035 under Texas Water Code (TWC) § 13.2541 and 16 Texas Administrative Code (TAC) § 24.245(h).<sup>1</sup> Meritage asserts that the land is at least 25 contiguous acres, is not receiving water service, and is located in Collin County, which is a qualifying county. On March 28, 2022, Meritage filed revised maps.

On February 25, 2022, the ALJ filed a Proposed Order and Memorandum, establishing a deadline of March 11, 2022 for the parties to file corrections or exceptions to the Proposed Order. After that deadline passed, Meritage and the Staff (Staff) of the Public Utility Commission of Texas (Commission) determined that mapping discrepancies existed that impact the amount of acreage to be released in this docket. As such, Meritage and Staff filed a joint extension request to file any corrections or exceptions six weeks thereafter. On March 21, 2022, the ALJ filed a second Proposed Order Memorandum, establishing a deadline of April 28, 2022 for the parties to file corrections or exceptions to the Proposed Order. Therefore, this pleading is timely filed.

**I. REQUEST FOR EXTENSION**

Under 16 Texas Administrative Code (TAC) § 22.4(b), Staff may request that the time allowed for filing any documents be extended for good cause. Due to the mapping discrepancies occurring at a unique procedural stage, Staff did not sufficiently recommend how to proceed in

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<sup>1</sup> On August 19, 2021, the administrative law judge (ALJ) filed Order No. 1, granting the request by Meritage Homes to sever this application from the pending application in Docket No. 52293 and requiring Meritage to file this application in this docket by August 23, 2021. This proceeding, Docket No. 52442, will address the petition of Meritage Homes for streamlined expedited release from water CCN No. 11035 held by North Collin SUD in Collin County.

resolving the mapping deficiencies. As such, Staff files this pleading to request additional time to review the revised maps filed by Meritage on March 28, 2022. Specifically, Staff requests an extension until May 13, 2022 to file a recommendation whether the revised maps are administratively complete. If Staff determines that Meritage's revised maps are administratively complete, Staff will also propose a procedural schedule for further processing of this docket to include a deadline for Staff to file a revised final recommendation that accurately details and corrects the amount of acreage being released, as well as a revised final map developed by Staff. It is Staff's intent that this future revised final recommendation, subsequent to an order finding Meritage's revised maps to be administratively complete, will serve as Staff's corrections or exceptions to the Proposed Order. Staff has conferred with counsel for Meritage and is authorized to state that Meritage is unopposed to this request.

## **II. CONCLUSION**

For the reasons discussed above, Staff respectfully requests an extension until May 13, 2022 to file a recommendation on the administrative completeness of Meritage's revised maps and an extension until, to be determined, to file a revised final recommendation, with a revised final map, that will serve as corrections or exceptions to the Proposed Order.

Dated: April 27, 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 April 27, 2022, in accordance with the Order Suspending Rules, issued in Project No. 50664.

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