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PETITION OF HUFFINES RANCH,	§	PUBLIC UTILITY COMMISSION
LLC TO AMEND MARILEE SPECIAL	§	
UTILITY DISTRICT'S CERTIFICATE	§	OF TEXAS
OF CONVENIENCE AND NECESSITY	§	
IN COLLIN COUNTY BY EXPEDITED	§	
RELEASE	§	

**COMMISSION STAFF'S SUPPLEMENTAL RECOMMENDATION ON
ADMINISTRATIVE COMPLETENESS AND NOTICE**

On August 31, 2021, Huffines Ranch, LLC (Huffines Ranch) filed a petition for streamlined expedited release from Marilee Special Utility District's (Marilee SUD) water certificate of convenience and necessity (CCN) number 10150 under Texas Water Code (TWC) § 13.2541 and 16 Texas Administrative Code (TAC) § 24.245(h). Huffines Ranch asserts that the land to be released is at least 25 contiguous acres, is not receiving water service, and is located in Collin County, which is a qualifying county. Huffines Ranch filed supplemental information on October 8, 2021.

On October 1, 2021, the administrative law judge (ALJ) filed Order No. 3, establishing a deadline of December 1, 2021 for the Staff (Staff) of the Public Utility Commission of Texas (Commission) to file supplemental comments regarding the administrative completeness of the petition and notice. Therefore, this pleading is timely filed.

I. ADMINISTRATIVE COMPLETENESS

Staff has reviewed the petition and supplemental information and, as detailed in the attached memorandum from Pai Liu, Infrastructure Division, recommends that the petition is administratively complete. Staff's recommendation on administrative completeness is not a comment on the merits of the petition.

II. NOTICE SUFFICIENCY

Under 16 TAC § 24.245(h)(3)(f), a landowner seeking streamlined expedited release must provide proof that a copy of the petition has been mailed to the current CCN holder via certified mail on the day that the landowner submits the petition to the Commission. Huffines Ranch stated that it mailed a copy of its petition to the CCN holder, Marilee SUD, by certified mail on the day

the petition was filed with the Commission. Huffines Ranch also included an affidavit attesting to this provision of notice to Marilee SUD. Accordingly, Staff recommends that the notice is sufficient.

III. PROCEDURAL SCHEDULE

Under 16 TAC § 24.245(h)(7), there is an expedited deadline of 60 days for approval of the requested release that begins once the ALJ issues an order finding a petition administratively complete. Staff recommends that the petition be found administratively complete. Therefore, Staff proposes the following procedural schedule and requests that the ALJ populate the deadlines accordingly when the ALJ issues that order.

Event	Date
Deadline for Marilee SUD and intervenors to file a response to the administratively complete petition	20 days from the date of the order finding the petition administratively complete
Deadline for Staff's recommendation on final disposition	34 days from the date of the order finding the petition administratively complete
Deadline for petitioner to file a reply to both Marilee SUD's response and Staff's recommendation on final disposition	41 days from the date of the order finding the petition administratively complete
Sixty-day administrative approval of streamlined expedited release	60 days from the date of the order finding the petition administratively complete
<i>In the event streamlined expedited release is granted and petitioner and Marilee SUD can select an agreed-upon appraiser</i>	
Deadline for petitioner and Marilee SUD to make a filing stating that they have selected an agreed-upon appraiser	Within 10 days after the Commission approves streamlined expedited release
Deadline for appraiser's report	Within 70 days after the Commission approves streamlined expedited release
Deadline for Commission's final order determining the amount of monetary compensation, if any, owed by petitioner to Marilee SUD	Within 60 days after appraiser's report
Deadline for petitioner to pay any compensation due to Marilee SUD	Within 90 days of the Commission's final order on compensation
<i>In the event streamlined expedited release is granted and petitioner and Marilee SUD are unable to select an agreed-upon appraiser</i>	
Deadline for petitioner and Marilee SUD to make a filing stating that they have been unable to select an agreed-upon appraiser and affirming that they will pay the filing. Staff may need additional time to file its appraiser's report.	Within 10 days after the Commission approves streamlined expedited release ²

half of the cost of Commission Staff's appraiser ¹	
Deadline for reports from petitioner's appraiser and Marilee SUD's appraiser	Within 70 days after the Commission approves streamlined expedited release
Deadline for Staff's appraiser's report	Within 100 days after the Commission approves streamlined expedited release
Deadline for Commission's final order determining the amount of monetary compensation, if any, owed by petitioner to Marilee SUD	Within 60 days after the Commission receives the final appraisal
Deadline for petitioner to pay any compensation due to Marilee SUD	Within 90 days of the Commission's final order on compensation

IV. CONCLUSION

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

¹ TWC § 13.2541(i).

Dated: December 1, 2021

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 December 1, 2021, in accordance with the Order Suspending Rules, issued in Project No. 50664.

/s/Mildred Anaele
Mildred Anaele

Public Utility Commission of Texas

Memorandum

TO: Mildred Anaele, Attorney
Legal Division

FROM: Pai Liu, Infrastructure Analyst
Infrastructure Division

DATE: December 1, 2021

RE: Docket No. 52490 – *Petition of Huffines Ranch, LLC to Amend Marilee Special Utility District's Certificate of Convenience and Necessity in Collin County by Expedited Release*

On August 31, 2021, Huffines Ranch, LLC (Huffines Ranch) filed a petition for streamlined expedited release from Marilee Special Utility District's (Marilee SUD) water certificate of convenience and necessity (CCN) No. 10150 in Collin County, under Texas Water Code (TWC) § 13.2541(b) and 16 Texas Administrative Code (TAC) § 24.245(h). Huffines Ranch 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.

Huffines Ranch submitted a sworn affidavit attesting that the property was not receiving water service from Marilee SUD and a warranty deed confirming Huffines Ranch's ownership of the tract of land. Based on the mapping review by Gary Horton, Infrastructure Division, the digital data submitted with Item 1 on August 31, 2021 and the maps submitted with Item 12 on October 8, 2021 are sufficient for determining the location of the tract of land considered for streamlined expedited release is located within Marilee SUD's water CCN.

Based on the mapping review by Mr. Horton, it was determined the entire property is approximately 666.163 acres. The area to be released from Marilee SUD (CCN No. 10150) is approximately 666.163 acres.

The petition also includes a statement indicating a copy of the petition was sent via certified mail to Marilee SUD on the date the petition was filed with the Commission.

Based on the mapping review by Mr. Horton and my technical and managerial review of the additional information provided by Huffines Ranch on October 8, 2021, I recommend the petition be deemed administratively complete and accepted for filing.