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<b>APPLICATION OF UTILITIES</b>	<b>§</b>	<b>PUBLIC UTILITY COMMISSION</b>
<b>INVESTMENT COMPANY, INC. TO</b>	<b>§</b>	
<b>AMEND ITS CERTIFICATE OF</b>	<b>§</b>	<b>OF TEXAS</b>
<b>CONVENIENCE AND NECESSITY IN</b>	<b>§</b>	
<b>GRIMES COUNTY</b>	<b>§</b>	

**COMMISSION STAFF’S RECOMMENDATION ON ADMINISTRATIVE  
COMPLETENESS AND NOTICE AND PROPOSED PROCEDURAL SCHEDULE**

On September 1, 2021, Utilities Investment Company, Inc. (Utilities Investment) filed an application to amend its certificate of convenience and necessity (CCN) in Grimes County. Utilities Investment holds water CCN No. 12671. The requested service area consists of 3,510 acres, with zero existing connections and 63 proposed connections. Utilities Investment filed supplemental information on September 3, 2021.

On September 2, 2021, the administrative law judge (ALJ) filed Order No. 1, establishing a deadline of October 1, 2021 for the Staff of the Public Utility Commission of Texas (Staff) to file comments on the administrative completeness of the application and proposed notice and to propose a procedural schedule for the further processing of this docket. Therefore, this pleading is timely filed.

**I. ADMINISTRATIVE COMPLETENESS**

Staff has reviewed the application and supplemental information and, as detailed in the attached memorandum from Fred Bednarski III, Rate Regulation Division, recommends that the application is administratively incomplete from a financial perspective. Staff further recommends that Utilities Investment be ordered to cure the deficiencies identified in Mr. Bednarski’s memorandum by November 1, 2021 and that Staff be given a deadline of December 1, 2021 to file a supplemental recommendation on the administrative completeness of the application.

**II. PROCEDURAL SCHEDULE**

In accordance with Staff’s deficiency recommendation, Staff does not propose a procedural schedule for further processing of the docket at this time. Staff intends to propose a procedural schedule alongside a subsequent recommendation that the application be found

administratively complete. Staff notes that Utilities Investment should not issue notice until the application is deemed sufficient.

### **III. CONCLUSION**

For the reasons detailed above, Staff recommends that the application be found administratively incomplete and that Utilities Investment be ordered to file supplemental information to cure the deficiencies in the application by November 1, 2021. Staff respectfully requests the entry of an order consistent with these recommendations.

Dated: October 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 on October 1, 2021 in accordance with the Order Suspending Rules filed in Project No. 50664.

/s/ Merritt Lander  
Merritt Lander

# *Public Utility Commission of Texas*

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## **Memorandum**

**TO:** Merritt Lander, Attorney  
Legal Division

**FROM:** Kathryn Eiland, Financial Analyst  
Fred Bednarski III, Financial Analyst  
Rate Regulation Division

**DATE:** October 1, 2021

**RE:** Docket No. 52500 - *Application of Utilities Investment Company, Inc. to Amend its Certificate of Convenience and Necessity in Grimes County*

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On September 1, 2021, Utilities Investment Company, Inc. filed an application to amend its water certificate of convenience and necessity in Grimes County under Subchapter G of Texas Water Code Chapter 13.

I reviewed the answers provided to questions 28, 29, 30, and 31 of the application and recommend that the application be deemed administratively incomplete and that Utilities Investment Company, Inc. be required to provide the following information to cure the deficiency:

1. A rate study supporting the proposed water rates for the new area, which provides all calculations and assumptions.