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**PETITION OF SATER, L.P. TO AMEND § PUBLIC UTILITY COMMISSION
MARILEE SPECIAL UTILITY §
DISTRICT'S CERTIFICATE OF § OF TEXAS
CONVENIENCE AND NECESSITY IN §
COLLIN COUNTY BY EXPEDITED §
RELEASE §**

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

On October 20, 2021, Sater, L.P. (Sater) 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). Sater 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.¹ According to the 2010 Census,² Collin County has a population of 782,341.³ Additionally, Collin County is adjacent to Dallas County, which has a population of 2,368,139.⁴ Sater filed supplemental information on November 9, 2021 and December 3, 2021.

On November 30, 2021, the administrative law judge (ALJ) filed Order No. 4, establishing a deadline of January 6, 2022 for the Staff (Staff) of the Public Utility Commission of Texas (Commission) to file a recommendation on the administrative completeness of the petition and notice and to propose a procedural schedule. Therefore, this pleading is timely filed.

I. ADMINISTRATIVE COMPLETENESS

Staff has reviewed the petition and, as detailed in the attached memorandum from Jolie Mathis, 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.

¹ TWC § 13.2541(b) and 16 TAC § 24.245(h)(2).

² See Tex. Gov't Code § 2058.0021 for applicability of 2010 Census in determination whether the land is in a qualifying county.

³ U.S. Census Bureau, Census Data for Collin County, QuickFacts Collin County, Texas (2010) <https://www.census.gov/quickfacts/fact/table/collincountytexas/POP010210> (last accessed Jan. 5, 2022).

⁴ U.S. Census Bureau, Census Data for Dallas County, QuickFacts Dallas County, Texas (2010) <https://www.census.gov/quickfacts/fact/table/dallascountytexas/POP010210> (last accessed Jan. 5, 2022).

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. Sater 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. Accordingly, Staff recommends that the notice is sufficient.

III. PROPOSED 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 half of the cost of Commission Staff's appraiser ⁵	Within 10 days after the Commission approves streamlined expedited release ⁶
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.

⁵ TWC § 13.2541(i).

⁶ It is critical for Staff to know as soon as possible after the Commission grants the petition whether Staff needs to secure the services of a third appraiser. If the petitioner and CCN holder are unable to agree, and fail to make this filing, Staff may need additional time to file its appraiser's report.

Dated: January 10, 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 on January 10, 2022 in accordance with the Order Suspending Rules filed in Project No. 50664.

/s/ Scott Miles
Scott Miles

Public Utility Commission of Texas

Memorandum

TO: Scott Miles, Attorney
Legal Division

FROM: Jolie Mathis, Utility Engineering Specialist
Infrastructure Division

DATE: January 10, 2022

RE: Docket No. 52739 – *Petition of Sater, L.P. to Amend Marilee Special Utility District's Certificate of Convenience and Necessity in Collin County by Expedited Release*

On October 20th, 2021, Sater, L.P. (Sater) 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). On December 3, 2021, Sater filed an amended petition. Sater 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.

Sater submitted a sworn affidavit attesting that the property was not receiving water service from Marilee SUD and a warranty deed confirming Sater's ownership of the tract of land. Based on the mapping review by Tracy Montes, Infrastructure Division, the revised maps and digital mapping data submitted with Item 10 on December 3, 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 Ms. Montes it was determined the entire tract of land is approximately 300 acres. The portion of the tract considered for release from Marilee SUD (CCN No. 10150) is approximately 269.8 acres.

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

Based on the mapping review by Ms. Montes and my technical and managerial review of the additional information provided by Sater on December 3, 2021, I recommend the petition be deemed administratively complete and accepted for filing.