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#### **DOCKET NO. 53084**

PETITION OF INSPIRATION WEST,	§	PUBLIC UTILITY COMMISSION
LLC TO AMEND SEIS LAGOS	§	
UTILITY DISTRICT'S WATER	§	OF TEXAS
CERTIFICATE OF CONVENIENCE	§	
AND NECESSITY IN COLLIN	§	
COUNTY BY STREAMLINED	§	
EXPEDITED RELEASE	§	

# COMMISSION STAFF'S RECOMMENDATION ON ADMINISTRATIVE COMPLETENESS AND RESPONSE REGARDING CONSOLIDATION

On January 12, 2022, Inspiration West, LLC (Inspiration West) filed a petition for streamlined expedited release from Seis Lagos Utility District's (Seis Lagos) water Certificate of Convenience and Necessity (CCN) No. 11256 under Texas Water Code (TWC) § 13.2541(b) and 16 Texas Administrative Code (TAC) § 24.245(h). Inspiration West 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 February 4, 2022, Inspiration West filed supplemental information.

On January 14, 2022, the administrative law judge (ALJ) filed Order No. 1, establishing a deadline of February 14, 2022 for the Staff (Staff) of the Public Utility Commission of Texas (Commission) to file 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, as detailed in the attached memorandum from Patricia Garcia, Infrastructure Division, recommends that the petition be found administratively incomplete. Staff further recommends that Inspiration West be ordered to cure the deficiencies identified in Ms. Garcia's memorandum by March 14, 2022, and that Staff be given a deadline of April 14, 2022 to file a supplemental recommendation on the administrative completeness of the petition and notice. Staff respectfully requests adoption of these proposed deadlines as some of the noted deficiencies are related to mapping information and Staff's mapping experts may be required to assist Inspiration West regarding the supplemental mapping information needed to cure the mapping deficiencies and will require at least thirty days to review same. Staff also is requesting Inspiration West clarify why a portion is carved out in the mapping content.

### II. RESPONSE REGARDING CONSOLIDATION

In Order No. 1, the ALJ noted that two separate filings were made by the petitioners; one for the water CCN (this docket) and one for the sewer CCN (Docket No. 53085). Staff believes that consolidation of Docket Nos. 53084 and 53085 is not the efficient path forward. Under 16 TAC § 22.34(a), the Commission may consolidate proceedings when certain criteria are met, including when the proceedings involve common questions of law and fact and when consolidation is more efficient and prevents unwarranted expense and delay. Although both dockets concern similar parties and land, Staff recommends that the dockets remain separated at this time because of the differences in the requested areas and the individual deficiencies.

### III. 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 petition be found administratively complete.

### IV. CONCLUSION

For the reasons detailed above, Staff recommends that the petition be found administratively incomplete, that Inspiration West be ordered to file supplemental information to cure the deficiencies in the petition by March 14, 2022, and that Staff given a deadline of April 14, 2022 to file its supplemental recommendation. Staff respectfully requests the entry of an order consistent with these recommendations.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> Petition of Inspiration West, LLC to Amend Seis Lagos Utility District's Sewer Certificate of Convenience and Necessity in Collin County by Streamlined Expedited Release, Docket No. 53085 (Pending).

Dated: February 14, 2022

Respectfully submitted,

# PUBLIC UTILITY COMMISSION OF TEXAS LEGAL DIVISION

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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 February 14, 2022, in accordance with the Order Suspending Rules issued in Project No. 50664.

/s/ Scott Miles
Scott Miles

# Public Utility Commission of Texas

# Memorandum

**TO:** Scott Miles and Brad Reynolds, Attorneys

Legal Division

FROM: Patricia Garcia, Senior Engineering Specialist

Infrastructure Division

**DATE:** February 14, 2022

**RE:** Docket No. 53084 – Petition of Inspiration West, LLC to Amend Seis Lagos

Utility District's Water Certificate of Convenience and Necessity in Collin

County by Streamlined Expedited Release

On January 12, 2022, Inspiration West, LLC (Inspiration West) filed a petition for streamlined expedited release from Seis Lagos Utility District's (Seis Lagos) water Certificate of Convenience and Necessity (CCN) No. 11256 in Collin County, under Texas Water Code (TWC) § 13.2541(b) and 16 Texas Administrative Code (TAC) § 24.245(h). Inspiration West 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.

Based on the mapping review by Tracy Montes, Infrastructure Division, and my technical and managerial review of the information provided by Inspiration West, I recommend the petition be deemed insufficient for filing and found administratively incomplete.

# **Petition Content:**

Inspiration West must clarify why a portion of the landowner's total property is carved out and not included in the tract of land being requested for release, as indicated in Exhibit C-1.

# **Mapping Content:**

General Location map (C-2), submitted with Item 3 on February 4, 2022, is deficient. The legend on the general location map (C-2) should match that of the detailed map (C-1) and include the same elements.

Inspiration West must submit the following item to resolve the mapping deficiencies:

• A general location map identifying only the tract of land, in reference to the nearest county boundary, city, or town.

Staff recommends the Petitioner obtain additional mapping guidance from the PUC's mapping staff, Hank Journeay by email at hank.journeay@puc.texas.gov & Tracy Montes by email at tracy.montes@puc.texas.gov to resolve the mapping deficiencies.

Staff will need at least 30 days to review the documentation, maps, and digital data provided by Inspiration West and draft a recommendation.