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PETITION OF 2021 FII WALNUT SPRINGS, LLC TO AMEND SPRINGS HILL WATER SUPPLY CORPORATION'S CERTIFICATE OF CONVENIENCE AND NECESSITY IN GUADALUPE COUNTY BY STREAMLINED EXPEDITED RELEASE

PUBLIC UTILITY COMMISSION

OF TEXAS

SPRINGS HILL WATER SUPPLY CORPORATION'S NOTICE REGARDING APPRAISER

COMES NOW, SPRINGS HILL WATER SUPPLY CORPORATION (SHWSC), by and through its undersigned attorneys of record, and hereby files this Notice Regarding Appraiser (Notice). In support thereof, SHWSC would respectfully show as follows:

I. BACKGROUND

On February 8, 2022, Walnut Springs filed its Petition to Amend Springs Hill Water Supply Corporation's (SHWSC) water Certificate of Convenience and Necessity (CCN) in Guadalupe County, Texas by Streamlined Expedited Release Under Texas Water Code (TWC) § 13.2541 and 16 Texas Administrative Code (TAC) § 24.245(h) (the Petition) at the Public Utility Commission of Texas (the Commission). Administrative Law Judge (ALJ) Denmark issued Order No. 2 on March 11, 2022, establishing a deadline of 10 days after the Commission approves the Petition for Walnut Springs and Springs Hill Water Supply Corporation to make a filing stating they have or have not been able to select an agreed upon appraiser. The Commission issued a final Order on October 6, 2022, granting the streamlined expedited release.

II. PARTIES ARE UNABLE TO AGREE UPON AN APPRAISER

Prior to October 13, 2022 the undersigned attorneys for SHWSC had communicated with Ms. Helen Gilbert, attorney for Walnut Springs, regarding the compensation issues in this Docket

No. 53201. The Parties agreed to work together to submit a Joint Motion to Abate. Since the issuance of Order No. 4 in this matter, Counsel for SHWSC has attempted to reach Counsel for Walnut Springs to discuss this matter further, but they were unable to connect. Accordingly, at this point, Counsel for SHWSC represents that SHWSC will want to utilize its own appraiser, Dennis Lozano, P.E., and it will file its own appraiser's report regarding compensation.

III. AFFIRMATION OF COSTS

SHWSC affirms that it will pay half of the costs of the Commission Staff's appraiser's report in accordance with TWC § 13.2541(i).

IV. CONCLUSION AND PRAYER

For these reasons, SHWSC, respectfully requests that the presiding Administrative Law Judge allow SHWSC to proceed with filing its own appraiser's report without further coordination with Walnut Springs; and grant all other and further relief to which it may be entitled.

Respectfully submitted,

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CERTIFICATE OF CONFERENCE

The undersigned counsel certifies that he has attempted to conferred with counsel for Walnut Springs regarding the subject matter of this Petition and that at this time SHWSC and Walnut Springs have not selected an agreed upon appraiser, and that each would submit its own appraiser's report, if necessary.

10. DAVID KLEIN

CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I hereby certify that a true and correct copy of the foregoing document was transmitted by electronic mail on this 19th day of October 2022 to the parties of record, in accordance with the Order Suspending Rules, issued in Project No. 50664.

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