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#### **DOCKET NO. 53329**

PETITION OF DENTON OLIVER	§	PUBLIC UTILITY COMMISSION
CREEK, LP TO AMEND THE CITY OF	§	
JUSTIN'S SEWER CERTIFICATE OF	§	OF TEXAS
CONVENIENCE AND NECESSITY IN	§	
DENTON COUNTY BY STREAMLINED	§	
EXPEDITED RELEASE	§	

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

On March 10, 2022, Denton Oliver Creek, LP (Denton Oliver Creek) filed a petition for streamlined expedited release from the City of Justin's (City of Justin) sewer Certificate of Convenience and Necessity (CCN) No. 20061 under Texas Water Code (TWC) § 13.2541 and 16 Texas Administrative Code (TAC) § 24.245(h). Denton Oliver Creek asserts that the land is at least 25 contiguous acres, is not receiving sewer service, and is located in Denton County, which is a qualifying county. Denton Oliver Creek filed supplemental information on May 2, 2022 and May 10, 2022.

On April 11, 2022, the administrative law judge (ALJ) filed Order No. 2, establishing a deadline of June 8, 2022 for the Staff (Staff) of the Public Utility Commission of Texas (Commission) to file a supplemental recommendation on administrative completeness of the petition and sufficiency of notice and propose procedural schedule. 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. Denton Oliver Creek

included a certificate of service indicating that it mailed a copy of its petition to the CCN holder, City of Justin, 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 City of Justin 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 petitioner to file a reply to City of Justin's response	27 days from the date of the order finding the petition administratively complete		
Deadline for 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		
In the event streamlined expedited release is granted and petitioner and City of Justin can select an agreed-upon appraiser			
Deadline for petitioner and City of Justin 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 City of Justin	Within 60 days after appraiser's report		
Deadline for petitioner to pay any compensation due to City of Justin	Within 90 days of the Commission's final order on compensation		

In the event streamlined expedited release is granted and petitioner and City of Justin unable to select an agreed-upon appraiser		
Deadline for petitioner and City of Justin 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 <sup>1</sup>	Within 10 days after the Commission approves streamlined expedited release <sup>2</sup>	
Deadline for reports from petitioner's appraiser and City of Justin'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 City of Justin	Within 60 days after the Commission receives the final appraisal	
Deadline for petitioner to pay any compensation due to City of Justin	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.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> TWC § 13.2541(i).

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> 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: June 8, 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 June 8, 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 Kevin Bartz, Attorneys

Legal Division

**FROM:** Pai Liu, Infrastructure Analyst

Infrastructure Division

**DATE:** June 8, 2022

**RE:** Docket No. 53329 – Petition of Denton Oliver Creek, LP to Amend the City of

Justin's Sewer Certificate of Convenience and Necessity in Denton County by

Streamlined Expedited Release

On March 10, 2022, Denton Oliver Creek, LP (Denton Oliver Creek) filed a petition for streamlined expedited release from the City of Justin's (City of Justin) sewer Certificate of Convenience and Necessity (CCN) No. 20061 in Denton County, under Texas Water Code (TWC) § 13.2541(b) and 16 Texas Administrative Code (TAC) § 24.245(h). Denton Oliver Creek asserts that the land is at least 25 contiguous acres, is not receiving sewer service, and is located in Denton County, which is a qualifying county.

Denton Oliver Creek submitted a sworn affidavit attesting that the tract of land was not receiving sewer service from the City of Justin and a warranty deed confirming ownership of the landowner's total property. Denton Oliver Creek included a statement indicating a copy of the petition was sent via certified mail to the City of Justin on the date the petition was filed with the Commission.

Based on the mapping review by Hank Journeay, Infrastructure Division, the digital data submitted with Item 5 on May 2, 2022 and maps with Item 6 on May 10, 2022 are sufficient for determining the location of the tract of land considered for streamlined expedited release is located within the City of Justin's sewer CCN. Hank Journeay determined the following:

The landowner's total property is approximately 571 acres. The tract of land in the petition for streamlined expedited release is approximately 571 acres, of which approximately 453.6 acres overlap City of Justin (CCN No. 20061) and would be decertified from CCN No. 20061.

Based on my technical and managerial review and the mapping review by Hank Journeay of the information provided by Denton Oliver Creek on May 2, 2022 and May 10, 2022, I recommend the petition be deemed administratively complete and accepted for filing.