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Public Utility Commission of Texas

DOCKET NO. 53356 **NOTICE OF HEARING ON EMERGENCY ORDER**

PETITION: Commission Staff's Request for an Emergency Order Appointing a Temporary Manager for Villa Utilities, Reed Estates Water System, Vista Utilities, and J & L Terry Lane Without a Hearing.

On March 16, 2022, The Public Utility Commission of Texas (Commission) Staff requested that executive director of the Public Utility Commission of Texas issue an emergency order appointing a temporary manager to manage the retail water utility services and operations of Villa Utilities, Reed Estates Water System, Vista Utilities, and J & L Terry Lane (collectively referred to as the "Water Systems") located in Harris and Chambers counties. Notice of the petition was mailed on March 16, 2022, to the last known address of the Water Systems and to the additional addresses listed in Commission Staff's petition.

On March 16, 2022, under authority delegated by the Commission, the executive director granted the petition and appointed Harrison Williams as temporary manager of the Water Systems. The appointment was effective March 16, 2022.

The emergency order was issued without a hearing under the authority provided by §§ 13.4132 and 13.451 of the Texas Water Code (TWC) and 16 Texas Administrative Code (TAC) §§ 24.14(a)(1), 24.355(b), and 22.299(d). TWC § 13.451 authorizes the Commission to issue an emergency order after providing notice and opportunity for a hearing that the Commission considers practicable under the circumstances or without notice or opportunity for a hearing. In accordance with 16 TAC § 22.297, Commission Staff provides the following notice of a hearing to affirm, modify, or set aside the emergency order issued without hearing on March 16, 2022:

EMERGENCY ORDER HEARINGS: In accordance with TWC § 13.451 and 16 TAC § 22.297, a hearing to affirm, modify, or set aside the emergency order will be held at the Commission's Open Meeting scheduled to begin at **9:30 a.m. on April 21, 2022** and take place at the Commission's offices at **1701 N. Congress Avenue, 7th Floor, Austin, Texas 78701**.

The Commission will consider evidence on whether to affirm, modify, or set aside the emergency order appointing the temporary manager. Any affected person may participate in the evidentiary hearing or waive the right to such hearing. Waiver of the right to a hearing may occur if an affected person gives written notice of its waiver to the right to hearing to the Commission, or



fails to attend the hearing. The hearing will be conducted in accordance with Chapter 2001 of the Texas Government Code, TWC chapter 13, and Commission rules in 16 TAC chapter 24.

Persons planning to attend this hearing who have disabilities requiring auxiliary aids or services should notify the Commission as far in advance as possible so that appropriate arrangements can be made. Requests can be made by mail, telephone or in person to the Commission's Office of Customer Protection, 1701 N Congress Ave., Austin, Texas 78701, phone number (512) 936-7150 or (512) 936-7136 for the teletypewriter for the deaf.

Sincerely,

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