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PETITION BY VPTM CROSS	§	BEFORE THE
CREEK LB, LLC	§	
FOR EXPEDITED RELEASE	§	
FROM WATER CCN NO. 10150	§	PUBLIC UTILITY COMMISSION
HELD BY MARILEE SPECIAL UTILITY	§	
DISTRICT IN COLLIN COUNTY	§	OF TEXAS

**VPTM CROSS CREEK LB, LLC'S**  
**REPLY TO MARILEE SPECIAL UTILITY DISTRICT'S VERIFIED RESPONSE**

**TO THE PUBLIC UTILITY COMMISSION OF TEXAS:**

VPTM Cross Creek LB, LLC (“Petitioner”) files its Reply to Marilee Special Utility District’s (“Marilee”) Verified Response and shows as follows:

**I. Procedural Background**

On April 4, 2022, Petitioner filed its Petition for streamlined expedited release of approximately 37.695 acres of land (the “Property”) from Marilee’s Certificate of Convenience and Necessity (“CCN”) No. 10150. The Petition was found administratively complete on May 4, 2022. *See* Order No. 2. On June 6, 2022 Marilee filed a Motion to Intervene and requested an extension to file its verified response until June 20, 2022. The District’s Motion was granted on June 13, 2002. *See* Order No. 3. Marilee filed its Response to the Petition on June 20, 2022. Petitioner now files its Reply to Marilee’s Verified Response. This Reply is timely filed pursuant to Order No. 3.

**II. Argument and Authority**

**A. The Petition should be approved because it satisfies the statutory requirements.**

The Petition should be approved because it satisfies the requirements of Texas Water Code section 13.2541(b) and 16 Texas Administrative Code section 24.245(h). TEX. WATER CODE §

13.2541(b); 16 TEX. ADMIN. CODE § 24.254(h). Specifically, the Petition shows that the Property is located in a qualifying county, is not receiving water service, and is at least 25 acres.

**B. The Property is not receiving water service and meets its burden in proving the same.**

In its Response to the Petition, Marilee argues that Petitioner has not met its burden of proof showing that the area requested for release is not receiving water service. Petitioner has presented affidavit testimony as evidence that the requested area is not receiving water service. This is sufficient proof to grant Petitioner's request for SER. *See Petition of Sterling Deason O'Donnell and Darwin Deason, Co-Trustees of the Sterling Deason O'Donnell DD 2012 Trust Agreement of the DD 2014-B Grantor Retained Annuity Trust to Amend Marilee Special Utility District's Certificate of Convenience and Necessity in Collin County by Expedited Release*, Docket No. 50404; Petition Exhibit A (Jan. 2, 2020)(Deason Petition); *Id.*, Order (Oct. 12, 2021). Accordingly, the instant Petition should, likewise, be granted.

**C. Marilee's Assertion of Federal Debt does not prevent decertification.**

In Marilee's various pleadings in this, and other dockets, it appears Marilee is improperly seeking to acquire federal debt during the pendency of applications for decertification of has improperly acquired federal debt with the intention of thwarting all petitions for streamlined expedited release from its CCN, including this one. <sup>1</sup> In any event, there is no federal case law holding that acquisition of federal debt by a CCN hold prevents the Property from being released from its CCN under Texas Water Code section 13.2541. *See TEXAS WATER CODE § 13.2541*. As such, the Petition should be granted.

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<sup>1</sup> Unbeknownst to Petitioner at the time, Marilee improperly applied for federal debt during the pendency of Docket No. 50404. This improper application impacts this docket according to Marilee. *See* Marilee's Response to Petition. Marilee filed its application on April 13, 2021. Docket No. 50404 was pending from December 30, 2019 through October 12, 2021. No federal debt should have been sought during that time period or the pendency of any other docket.

**III. Conclusion and Prayer**

WHEREFORE, Petitioner respectfully requests that the Commission grant the Petition and remove the Property from sewer CCN number 10150.

Respectfully submitted,

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**CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE**

I hereby certify that on this 21<sup>st</sup> day of June, 2022, a true and correct copy of this document was served on all parties of record in this proceeding by electronic mail and by filing on the PUC Interchange System.

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