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REQUEST OF CITY OF AMES	§	PUBLIC UTILITY COMMISSION
FOR EMERGENCY ORDER	§	
TO MAINTAIN SEWER SERVICE	§	OF TEXAS
FROM CITY OF LIBERTY	§	

ORDER NO. 1
REQUIRING COMMISSION STAFF COMMENTS

This Order addresses the request of the City of Ames, Texas for an emergency order, under Texas Water Code (TWC) § 13.041(d)(1) and 16 Texas Administrative Code § 24.14, to compel the City of Liberty, Texas to provide sewer service in response to Liberty's notice of suspension of services, filed on June 16, 2022.

Under TWC § 13.041(d), the Commission, in accordance with TWC Chapter 13, subchapter K-1, may issue emergency orders, with or without a public hearing, to compel a retail public utility that has obtained a certificate of convenience and necessity to provide continuous and adequate water service if the discontinuance of service is imminent or has occurred because of the retail public utility's actions or failure to act. On December 4, 2015, the Commission delegated to the Executive Director of the Commission the authority to receive applications and issue emergency orders under TWC Chapter 13, subchapter K-1.¹

By June 27, 2022, Commission Staff must confer with the Executive Director and file comments regarding (1) the administrative completeness of the request and the sufficiency of notice; and (2) whether the Executive Director intends to receive and act on Ames' request. Commission Staff's comments must also include a proposed procedural schedule for further processing of this docket.

¹ *Delegation of Authority Generally to the Executive Director*, Docket No. 43517, Order (Dec. 4, 2015).

Signed at Austin, Texas the 17th day of June 2022.

PUBLIC UTILITY COMMISSION OF TEXAS

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "Christina Denmark". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, stylized "D".

**CHRISTINA DENMARK
ADMINISTRATIVE LAW JUDGE**

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