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PETITION OF KAUFMAN	§	PUBLIC UTILITY COMMISSION
INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT TO	§	
AMEND COLLEGE MOUND WATER	§	OF TEXAS
SUPPLY CORPORATION'S	§	
CERTIFICATE OF CONVENIENCE AND	§	
NECESSITY IN KAUFMAN COUNTY BY	§	
STREAMLINED EXPEDITED RELEASE	§	

#### COMMISSION STAFF'S RECOMMENDATION REGARDING APPRAISAL REPORTS

#### I. INTRODUCTION

On September 8, 2022, Kaufman Independent School District (Kaufman ISD) filed a petition for streamlined expedited release from College Mound Water Supply Corporation (College Mound WSC) water Certificate of Convenience and Necessity (CCN) No. 10825 in Kaufman County, under Texas Water Code (TWC) § 13.2541(b) and 16 Texas Administrative Code (TAC) § 24.245(h). On December 5, 2022, the administrative law judge (ALJ) filed Order No. 4 granting streamlined expedited release.

On October 6, 2022, the ALJ filed Order No. 2, directing the Staff (Staff) of the Public Utility Commission of Texas (Commission) to file an appraiser's report in the event streamlined expedited release is granted and the petitioner and the CCN holder are unable to select an agreed-upon appraiser by March 15, 2023. Therefore, this pleading is timely filed.

#### II. RECOMMENDATION

Order No. 2 directed the petitioner and CCN holder to make a filing stating that they have been unable to select an agreed upon appraiser by December 15, 2022, and directed the petitioner and the CCN holder to file appraisal reports by February 13, 2023. Kaufman ISD filed a pleading on December 15, 2022, stating that the parties are unable to select an agreed upon appraiser. On February 13, 2023, Kaufman ISD filed an appraisal report. College Mound WSC did not file an appraisal report.

Under TWC § 13.241(i) and 16 TAC § 24.245(i)(2)(B), if the petitioner and CCN holder cannot agree on an appraiser within 10 days after the Commission approves a petition for streamlined expedited release, each must engage its own appraiser and submit its own appraisal report to the Commission within 70 days of the approval. In this case, the 70th day after approval

was February 13, 2023. Because College Mound WSC missed the deadline to file an appraisal report, Staff will not be filing an appraisal report. Staff therefore recommends that Kaufman ISD's appraisal report be used to determine compensation in this proceeding.

#### III. CONCLUSION

For the aforementioned reasons, Staff respectfully requests entry of an order consistent with this pleading.

Date: March 15, 2023

Respectfully submitted,

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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 March 15, 2023 in accordance with the Second Order Suspending Rules, filed in Project No. 50664.

<u>/s/ Margaux Fox</u>
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