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PETITION OF CIVITAS	§	PUBLIC UTILITY COMMISSION
CYPRESSWOOD OWNER I, LLC	§	
APPEALING THE DECISION OF	§	OF TEXAS
HARRIS COUNTY WATER CONTROL	§	
AND IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT NO.99	§	
TO CHANGE RATES	§	

**ORDER NO. 1
REQUIRING RESPONSES AND
ADDRESSING OTHER PROCEDURAL MATTERS**

On December 13, 2024, Civitas Cypresswood Owner I, LLC filed a petition under Texas Water Code § 13.043(b)(4) and 16 Texas Administrative Code § 24.101(c)(4) appealing the water and sewer service rate change by the Harris County Water Control and Improvement District No. 99, effective September 17, 2024.

**I. Requiring Comments on Administrative Completeness
of the Petition and Notice**

By January 16, 2025, Commission Staff must file comments on the administrative completeness of the petition and notice.

II. Response to Petition by Harris County WCID No. 99

By January 16, 2025, Harris County WCID No. 99 must file a response to the petition.

III. Requiring Procedural Schedule

By January 16, 2025, Civitas, Harris County WCID No. 99, and Commission Staff must confer and file comments on how this proceeding should be processed and propose a procedural schedule.

IV. Filing Requirements

Unless otherwise specified, an original and ten copies of documents relating to this proceeding must be filed with the Commission's filing clerk in accordance with 16 Texas Administration Code (TAC) § 22.71. **In light of the Commission's Second Order entered in Docket No. 50664 (Commission's Second Order), this requirement will be considered**

satisfied if pleadings are filed with the Commission through the Interchange on the Commission's website as long as the Commission's Second Order is in effect.¹

V. Service of Pleadings

Service of pleadings is typically governed by 16 TAC § 22.74. However, as long as the Commission's Second Order remains in effect, all parties must file any pleading or document with the Commission solely through the Interchange on the Commission's website and provide notice, by email, to all other parties that the pleading or document has been filed with the Commission, unless otherwise ordered by the presiding officer. It will be incumbent upon all other parties to obtain a copy of the pleading or document by accessing the Interchange at: <https://interchange.puc.texas.gov>.

All parties are required to provide their current addresses, **e-mail addresses**, telephone, and fax numbers, if available, to all other parties and to the Commission by filing and serving all parties with such information. Each party must provide the Commission and all parties with updated address, **e-mail address**, telephone, and fax information if such information changes. The **e-mail addresses**, telephone and fax numbers will be included on the service list for the convenience of the parties. Parties are responsible for updating their own service lists to reflect changed information and the addition of any other parties.

VI. Ex Parte Communications

Ex parte communications with the administrative law judge (ALJ) are prohibited under 16 TAC § 22.3(b)(2). Parties must communicate with the ALJ only through written documents filed with the Commission's filing clerk and served on all parties. Questions concerning this Order, or any other order must be submitted in writing, filed with the Commission, and served on all parties of record.

¹ See *Issues Related to the State of Disaster for Coronavirus Disease 2019*, Docket No. 50664, Second Order Suspending Rules (July 16, 2020).

Signed at Austin, Texas on the 17th day of December 2024.

PUBLIC UTILITY COMMISSION OF TEXAS

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Isaac TA', written over a horizontal line.

ISAAC TA
ADMINISTRATIVE LAW JUDGE

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