TEXAS COMMISSION ON ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY



AN INTERIM ORDER

concerning the Petition filed for the creation of Hunt County Municipal Utility District No. 5; TCEQ Docket No. 2023-0560-DIS

On July 19, 2023, the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality (Commission) considered during its open meeting the requests for hearing filed by the City of Caddo Mills concerning the Petition for the creation of Hunt County Municipal Utility District No. 5. The requests for hearing were evaluated under the requirements in the applicable statutes and Commission rules, including 30 Texas Administrative Code Chapter 55. The Commission also considered the responses to the requests for hearing filed by the Executive Director and the Office of Public Interest Counsel and the Executive Director's technical review memorandum.

After evaluation of all relevant and timely filings, the Commission determined that the City of Caddo Mills was an affected person and granted its request for hearing. The Commission determined to refer the matter to the State Office of Administrative Hearings (SOAH) for a contested case hearing on the Petition. Finally, the Commission determined to refer the matter to the Commission's Alternative Dispute Resolution Program, to run concurrently with SOAH preliminary hearing scheduling efforts.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDERED BY THE TEXAS COMMISSION ON ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY that:

- 1) The hearing request of the City of Caddo Mills is GRANTED;
- 2) The matter is REFERRED to SOAH for a contested case hearing on the Petition;
- 3) The matter is REFERRED to the Commission's Alternative Dispute Resolution Program, to run concurrently with SOAH preliminary hearing scheduling efforts; and
- 4) If any provision, sentence, clause or phrase of this Order is for any reason held to be invalid, the invalidity of any portion shall not affect the validity of the remaining portions of the Order.

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Jon Niermann, Chairman

 $\frac{7/27/23}{\text{Date Signed}}$