TEXAS COMMISSION ON ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY

AN INTERIM ORDER regarding the Petition by Bullhead Energy, LLC for the creation of Kaufman County Municipal Utility District No. 16; TCEQ Docket 2026-0567-DIS.

On July 1, 2026, the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality (Commission) considered during its open meeting requests for a contested case hearing filed by Texas State Senator Bob Hall, Texas State Representative Keith Bell, Kaufman County, the City of Kaufman, and the City of Crandall, concerning the petition submitted by Bullhead Energy, LLC (Petitioner) for creation of Kaufman County Municipal Utility District No. 16. The hearing requests were evaluated under the requirements in the applicable statutes and Commission rules, including 30 Texas Administrative Code Chapter 55, Subchapter G. The Commission also considered responses to the hearing requests filed by the Executive Director, the Office of Public Interest Counsel, and the Petitioner; replies to responses filed by the City of Kaufman and the City of Crandall; and all timely public comment.

After evaluation of all relevant filings, the Commission determined to grant the hearing request of the City of Crandall, and to refer the matter to the State Office of Administrative Hearings (SOAH) for a contested case hearing on the petition. The Commission also referred this matter to the Commission's Alternative Dispute Resolution (ADR) Program, to run concurrently with SOAH preliminary hearing scheduling efforts. Finally, the Commission specified a maximum

duration for the contested case hearing of 180 days from the date of the preliminary hearing to the date the proposal for decision is issued by SOAH.

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

1. The request for contested case hearing submitted by the City of Crandall is hereby GRANTED;
2. All remaining hearing requests are hereby DENIED;
3. This matter is hereby REFERRED to SOAH for a contested case hearing on the Petition;
4. This matter is hereby REFERRED to the Commission's Alternative Dispute Resolution Program, to run concurrently with the SOAH preliminary hearing scheduling efforts;
5. The maximum duration of the hearing is set at 180 days from the date of the preliminary hearing until the proposal for decision is issued; and
6. 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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For the Commission

7/7/26
Date Signed