

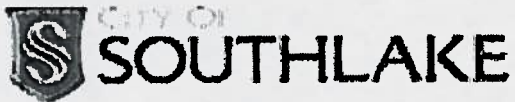
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Good afternoon,

Please find comments from the City of Southlake regarding Gas Utilities Docket No. 10366, pipeline permits.

Thank you,
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Office of the Mayor

August 21, 2014

Railroad Commission of Texas
Office of General Counsel
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Austin, TX 78711-2967

Dear Sir or Madam:

The City of Southlake City Council provides its thoughtful consideration to certain proposed amendments to 16 Tex Admin. Code §3.7 relating to Pipeline Permits as provided by the Railroad Commission of Texas Office of General Counsel in a memo to the Commissioners dated July 1, 2014.

In light of the Commission's desire to "clarify and more specifically prescribe the procedure by which a pipeline operator may identify itself as a common carrier, gas utility, or private line operator", we as a governing body respectfully submit the need to include provisions that further strengthen the property rights of our residents and corporate citizens.

The City of Southlake recommends additional provisions below that we believe are crucial to the Commission's deliberation on this issue, primarily due to the eminent domain powers provided through the common carrier status within the T-4 permit process. In our estimation, the proposed amendments will be bolstered by and are in need of accompanying provisions that will:

- Provide for adequate public notice to elicit public comment and to engage public involvement throughout the permitting process
- Provide accompanying public hearing procedures
- Provide earnest appeal procedures for property owners who do not agree with or are who otherwise impacted by the Commission's permit determination in any case

Further, it is our intent that such additional provisions provided herein ought to be substantive and weighty on the public's behalf and not of any nature, perceived or actual, that skews toward the very industry these rules are designed to regulate. We trust that our shared desire with the Texas Railroad Commission is to emphasize the preeminence of property holder rights throughout our community and our state, while providing opportunity for continued vitality in the pipeline industry.

Thank you for considering our comments to these amendments, and please let me know how the City of Southlake can best be of value to the work of the Commission.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "John C. Terrell". The signature is stylized with a large initial "J" and a prominent flourish at the end.

John C. Terrell
Mayor