

# New TCEQ Requirement for Holders of Certificates of Convenience & Necessity

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## *What is a CCN?*

A certificate of convenience and necessity (CCN) delineates the service area of a water or sewer utility and generally allows the utility exclusive right to serve customers within the area. A utility that intends to provide water or sewer service generally must obtain a CCN to legally provide the service. A utility that holds a CCN must continuously and adequately serve all its customers and any qualified applicant in its defined service area.

## *What is the new requirement?*

During the 79th Legislative Session, HB 2876 was passed to amend Chapter 13 of the Texas Water Code regarding the issuance and use of CCN. HB 2876 allows landowners owning more than 25 acres the option of being excluded from a CCN coverage area. To facilitate landowners in determining extent of CCN coverage areas, HB 2876 requires holders of new or existing CCN provide certified maps of their CCN service area to the county offices for any counties included in the provider's CCN service area.

Once the CCN holder has provided the certified service area map or maps to the county offices of the counties included in the provider's service area then the utility system is required to provide a copy of the certified service area maps and a letter of notification to TCEQ stating that certified maps have been provided to the county offices.

## *What must I do to comply with this new requirement?*

All CCN holders must file a certified copy of their CCN service area maps with the county

offices of any county included in the provider's CCN service area.

- ☑ *The deadline for filing the maps at the county offices is January 1<sup>st</sup>, 2007.*
- ☑ *Once filed at the county offices, the CCN holder is responsible for returning a notification letter and a copy of the certified CCN maps to TCEQ by January 1<sup>st</sup>, 2007 at:*

TCEQ Water Supply Division  
Utilities and Districts Section (MC 153)  
P.O. Box 13087; Austin, TX 78711-6972

## *Where do I get certified maps of my CCN service area?*

Information requests may be submitted in person, phone, fax, e-mail or regular mail. To obtain the most recent certified maps of your CCN service area contact the TCEQ Record Services office by phone at 512-239-2900, fax at 512-239-1850, or by email at [cfreq@tceq.state.tx.us](mailto:cfreq@tceq.state.tx.us). The Record Services office is located at Building E; 12100 Park 35 Circle in Austin. Mailing address is:

TCEQ Central File Room (MC 213)  
P.O. Box 13087 Austin, TX 78711-3087

## *What is the compliance schedule?*

Compliance deadline for systems to provide their CCN service area maps to the county offices and map and notification letter to TCEQ is **January 1<sup>st</sup>, 2007**.