

**IN THE UNITED STATES BANKRUPTCY COURT
FOR THE EASTERN DISTRICT OF TEXAS
SHERMAN DIVISION**

IN RE:	§	
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GAINESVILLE HOSPITAL DISTRICT	§	
D/B/A NORTH TEXAS MEDICAL	§	Case No. 17-40101
CENTER,	§	
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DEBTOR.	§	Chapter 9

EX PARTE ADVERSARY NO. 17-04072

GAINESVILLE HOSPITAL DISTRICT
D/B/A NORTH TEXAS MEDICAL CENTER

ORIGINAL ANSWER OF KEN PAXTON, ATTORNEY GENERAL OF TEXAS

TO THE HONORABLE BRENDA T. RHOADES, UNITED STATES BANKRUPTCY JUDGE:

COMES NOW Ken Paxton, Attorney General of Texas, a Respondent herein, and files this Original Answer to the Original Complaint/Petition for Expedited Declaratory Judgment filed by Debtor and Petitioner herein, Gainesville Hospital District d/b/a/ North Texas Medical Center (“Petitioner”), and respectfully responds to the Complaint/Petition as follows:

1. This adversary proceeding is brought pursuant to Texas Government Code Chapter 1205. Texas Government Code Section 1205.042 directs that a copy of the petition, with all attached exhibits and a copy of the order, issued in the form of a notice of the hearing on this matter, be served on the attorney general. The Attorney General was served with all documents.

2. The Attorney General neither admits nor denies the allegations made by Petitioner in this cause, but respectfully requests that this Court require the allegations of the Original Complaint/Petition for Expedited Declaratory Judgment be properly proved and that this Court then act in such manner as the interest of all parties require, consonant with equity, justice, and the laws applicable to the facts as proved.

3. The Attorney General reserves the right to contest any and all relief requested by the Petitioner upon Petitioner's failure to properly prove all allegations contained in the Original Complaint/Petition for Expedited Declaratory Judgment.

WHEREFORE, PREMISES CONSIDERED, the Attorney General respectfully prays that upon final judgment, this Honorable Court enter such order as may be proper.

Respectfully submitted,

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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I hereby certify that on August 18, 2017 a true and correct copy of the foregoing Original Answer of Ken Paxton, Attorney General of Texas, has been served via the Court's CM/ECF notification system on the parties registered to receive electronic notices in this case and also on the Debtor/Petitioner and its counsel listed below via First Class Mail, postage prepaid or via the Court's CM/ECF notification system.

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