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APPLICATION OF J&S WATER COMPANY, LLC AND UTILITIES INVESTMENT COMPANY, INC. FOR SALE, TRANSFER, OR MERGER OF FACILITIES AND CERTIFICATE RIGHTS IN HARRIS COUNTY PUBLIC UTILITY COMMISSION OF TEXAS

## **COMMISSION STAFF'S REQUEST FOR AN EXTENSION**

Commission Staff (Staff) of the Public Utility Commission of Texas (Commission) files its Request for an Extension. Staff requests that the procedural deadlines in this proceeding be extended. In support of its Request for an Extension, Staff states the following:

#### I. Background

On September 9, 2014, J&S Water Company, LLC (J&S Water) filed an application requesting approval of the sale and transfer of a water system and sewer system and corresponding certificates of convenience and necessity (CCN Nos. 12085 and 20658) for a certificated area in Harris County, Texas. J&S Water is the seller, and Utilities Investment Company, Inc. (Utilities Investment) is the purchaser.

On August 11, 2015, the Administrative Law Judge entered Order No. 8, which established a procedural schedule for this proceeding. Order No. 8 established September 14, 2015 as the deadline for Staff to request a hearing or file a recommendation regarding J&S Water's application.

On August 28, 2015, Utilities Investment filed responses to the discovery propounded by Staff.

On September 15, 2015, the Administrative Law Judge entered Order No. 9, which established October 5, 2015 as the deadline for Staff to request a hearing or file its recommendation on J&S Water's application.

## II. Request for an Extension

The Commission's procedural rules permit deadlines to be extended upon a showing of good cause.<sup>1</sup> There is good cause in this proceeding because Staff needs additional time to review

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> 16 Tex. Admin. Code § 22.4(b).

J&S Water's application and Utilities Investment's discovery responses. Thus, Staff requests a one-week extension to the deadlines established by Order No. 9. Staff requests that the procedural schedule be extended as follows:

Event	Date
Deadline for Commission Staff to request a hearing or file its recommendation on final disposition	October 12, 2015
Deadline for J&S Water and Utilities Investment to respond to Commission Staff's recommendation on final disposition or, if no disputed issues, deadline for parties to file a joint proposed notice of approval	October 26, 2015
120-day deadline for Commission action on J&S Water and Utilities Investment's application (120 days from the July 20, 2015 provision of notice)	November 17, 2015

To the extent that it is able to do so, Staff will request a hearing or file its recommendation earlier than the requested October 12, 2015 deadline.

### **III.** Conclusion

Staff requests that the Commission extend the deadlines in the current procedural schedule.

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Date: October 5, 2015

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#### **CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE**

I certify that a copy of this document will be served on all parties of record on October 5,

2015, in accordance with 16 Tex. Admin. Code § 22.74.

Sam Chang