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Public Utility Commission of Texas 1701 North Congress Avenue P.O. Box 13326 Austin, TX 78711-3326

Public Utility Commission,

Please accept this letter as the City of Red Oak's written protest to the sale of Community Water Service, Inc. and transfer of dual CCN 10091 to the Walter J. Carroll Water Company, Inc. The application/docket number for this proposed transaction is 43175. The current dual CCN 10091 is held by Community Water Service, Inc., but is entirely within the city limits of Red Oak and the water system provides drinking water to its citizens within the Beckley Pikes Estates area.

At the regularly scheduled meeting on December 8, 2014, the Red Oak City Council considered and denied the request for dual CCN certification from the Walter J. Carroll Water Company, Inc. City Council is concerned with improving the quality of service, infrastructure and fire protection for our residents and feels that the City of Red Oak is better suited to provide the resources needed to implement these improvements if Community Water Services, Inc. is prepared to cease operations.

Also, the City of Red Oak would like clarification on the descriptive boundaries of the area subject to this proposed transaction. The notification letter received by the City states that the area is generally bounded on the south by W. Red Oak Rd. and on the west by Hillcrest. However, the CCN location map provided with the notification letter shows the boundaries of the subject area to be much closer to Baldwin on the South and Overlook on the west. The location map appears to be much more accurate than the written description because the water system and its customers only extend to Baldwin on the south and Overlook on the west.

It is the goal of the City of Red Oak to ensure that its residents have suitable infrastructure and water utility service, as well as, fire protection.

Please contact me with any questions or responses by mail at P.O. Box 393, Red Oak, TX 75154, by email at alawrence@redoaktx.org or by phone at 469-218-7723.

Sincerely,

Albert E. Lawrence Jr. Assistant City Manager

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