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APPLICATION OF BEAR SPRINGS §
WATER CO., INC. AND BEAR §
SPRINGS TRAILS WATER SUPPLY §
CORPORATION, INC. FOR SALE, §
TRANSFER, OR MERGER OF §
FACILITIES AND CERTIFICATES OF §
CONVENIENCE AND NECESSITY IN §
BANDERA COUNTY (37912-C) §

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ORDER NO. 7
DEEMING APPLICATION SUFFICIENT; ADDRESSING NOTICE AND
ESTABLISHING PROCEDURAL SCHEDULE

I. Application

On May 9, 2014, Bear Springs Water Co., Inc. and Bear Springs Trails Water Supply Corporation, Inc. (Applicants) filed an application for the sale, transfer, or merger of facilities and certificates of convenience and necessity in Bandera County. On February 18, 2015, the Applicants responded to Order No. 6 and supplemented the application to cure deficiencies noted by Commission Staff.

II. Administrative Completeness

On March 10, 2015, Commission Staff filed additional comments on the sufficiency of the application as amended. Commission Staff finds that the application as amended is sufficient for further review. Consistent with Commission Staff's recommendation, the application is deemed administratively complete.

III. Notice

Commission Staff requested the parties provide approved notice in Bandera County as follows:

1. To any districts, groundwater conservation districts, counties, utilities, cities, cities with extraterritorial jurisdiction within two miles of the proposed service area; any city with an extraterritorial jurisdiction which overlaps the proposed service area; and

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2. To any customers transferred, or other affected parties in the requested area.
3. Additionally, Staff recommends the Applicants be required to include a copy of a map showing the proposed service area with the individual notices to neighboring utilities, other affected parties and each landowner (it is the Applicants' responsibility to provide an accurate map delineating the proposed water service area with each individual notice. Information related to districts, including addresses, can be obtained by the Applicants from the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality website located at <http://www.14.tceq.texas.gov/iwud/>);

Consistent with Staff's recommendation, Applicants shall provide notice as described in Staff's recommendation and file affidavits evidencing proof of notice by the deadline set forth below.

IV. Procedural Schedule

The following procedural schedule is adopted:

Deadline for Applicant to file with the Commission a copy of the notice sent to affected parties with attached signed affidavit evidencing proof of notice	45 days from Commission Order finding application and notice sufficient
Deadline for Commission Staff's recommendation or request for a hearing on the merits	May 15, 2015
Deadline for Applicants to request a hearing, and file responses, if any, to intervenor comments, and Staff's recommendation	May 29, 2015
If no disputed issues, deadline for parties' proposed order, including findings of fact, conclusions of law, and ordering paragraphs	June 12, 2015
120 day deadline for the Commission to approve the STM application and allow Applicants to move forward with the transaction	120 days from Commission Order finding application and proposed notice sufficient
Expiration of the Commission's approval of sale	One year from Commission Order approving the transaction

SIGNED AT AUSTIN, TEXAS on the 12th day of March 2015.

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IRENE MONTELONGO
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