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APPLICATION OF RANCH
UTILITIES, L.P. AND QUADVEST,
L.P. FOR SALE, TRANSFER, OR
MERGER OF FACILITIES AND
CERTIFICATE RIGHTS IN
MONTGOMERY COUNTY

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PUBLIC UTILITY COMMISSION
OF TEXAS
FILING CLERK

**ORDER NO. 1
REQUIRING COMMISSION STAFF COMMENTS/RECOMMENDATION**

I. Application

On March 16, 2015, Ranch Utilities, L.P. (Ranch Utilities) and Quadvest, L.P. (Quadvest) filed an application for sale, transfer, or merger of facilities and certificate rights in Montgomery County. Specifically, Ranch Utilities seeks approval to sell the water and sewer facilities and certificate rights associated with serving the Caddo Village subdivision to Quadvest. The area to be acquired by Quadvest comprises 130 acres and 417 current customers.

II. Filings

A. PUC Filing Clerk

To ensure the efficient processing of water and sewer cases, all pleadings and other filings shall be deemed filed when the proper number of copies are presented to the PUC Filing Clerk for filing pursuant to 16 TAC §22.71(c)(7). All Commission filings can be accessed on the PUC Interchange, <http://interchange.puc.texas.gov>.

B. Ex Parte Communications

Pursuant to 16 TAC 22.3(a) *ex parte* communications with the administrative law judges and presiding officer (collectively, ALJs) are prohibited. Parties shall communicate with the ALJs only through written documents filed with the Commission's Filing Clerk and served on all parties.

III. Establishing Deadline for Commission Staff Recommendation

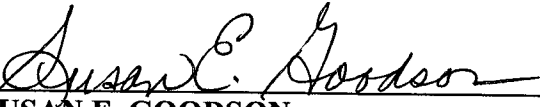
Pursuant to P.U.C. SUBST. R. 24.8(a), Commission Staff shall file, on or before **April 15, 2015**, comments/recommendation regarding administrative completeness of this

application, whether additional notice may be required to comply with the applicable procedural rules, and propose a schedule for processing.

The Commission will submit notice of this application for publication in the *Texas Register* on April 3, 2015.

SIGNED AT AUSTIN, TEXAS on the 18th day of March 2015.

PUBLIC UTILITY COMMISSION OF TEXAS



SUSAN E. GOODSON
ADMINISTRATIVE LAW JUDGE