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APPLICATION OF QUADVEST, L.P. TO AMEND CERTIFICATES OF CONVENIENCE AND NECESSITY IN HARRIS COUNTY.

COMMISSION STAFF'S NOTICE SUFFICENCY RECOMMENDATION

COMES NOW the Staff (Staff) of the Public Utility Commission of Texas (Commission), representing the public interest, and files this Staff's Notice Sufficiency Recommendation. In support thereof, Staff shows the following:

I. BACKGROUND

On May 6, 2016, Quadvest, L.P. (Quadvest) filed an application with the Commission to amend its water and sewer certificates of convenience and necessity (CCN) Nos. 11612 and 20952 in Harris County, Texas. The area that Quadvest seeks to add to its CCN service areas consists of approximately 93 acres and there are no current customers.

On August 24, 2016, the administrative law judge (ALJ) issued Order No. 14, finding Quadvest's notice deficient and ordering Quadvest to file proof of notice to Harris County Municipal Utility District 503 (Harris County MUD 503) by September 2, 2016. On September 2, 2016, Quadvest filed such proof of notice. Order No. 14 also required Staff to file a recommendation on the sufficiency of this notice and proposed an additional procedural schedule within 10 days of Quadvest's filing. Ten days from September 2, 2016 is September 12, 2016. Therefore, this pleading is timely filed.

II. NOTICE SUFFICIENCY

As previously addressed, Quadvest listed Harris County MUD 503 in its application but failed to issue them notice in Quadvest's initial set of mailed notices. Quadvest subsequently filed an affidavit on September 2, 2016 affirming that it mailed notice to Harris County MUD 503 on August 29, 2016. Staff has reviewed this proof of notice and recommends that Quadvest's notice be deemed sufficient.

III. FURTHER PROPOSED PROCEDURAL SCHEDULE

In support of the recommendation stated above, Staff proposes the following procedural schedule:

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| Notice completed | August 29, 2016 |
| Intervention deadline | September 28, 2016 ¹ |
| Deadline for Staff to provide final maps, certificates, and tariffs (if applicable) to Applicant for review and consent | November 22, 2016 |
| Deadline for Applicant to file signed consent forms with the Commission | December 8, 2016 |
| If no hearing is requested, deadline for Staff to file a final recommendation on the Application | December 15, 2016 |
| If no hearing is requested, deadline for parties to file joint proposed findings of fact and conclusions of law | December 22, 2016 |

Staff has conferred with the representative of Quadvest in this docket, Yvette Castro, and . is authorized to represent that Quadvest agrees with this proposed procedural schedule.

IV. CONCLUSION

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For the above stated reasons, Staff respectfully recommends that Quadvest's notice be found sufficient and that the above proposed procedural schedule be adopted.

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¹ Pursuant to 16 TAC § 24.106(a)(3), the intervention deadline is 30 days after the mailing or publication of notice, whichever occurs later. Notice was last mailed on August 29, 2016, and published on July 7 and July 14, 2016. Therefore, 30 days after August 29, 2016 is September 28, 2016.

Dated: September 12, 2016

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Respectfully Submitted,

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DOCKET NO. 44721 CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I, Matthew Arth, Attorney - Legal Division of the Public Utility Commission of Texas, certify that a copy of this document was served on all parties of record in this proceeding on September 12, 2016 in the following manner: via facsimile.

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