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APPLICATION OF QUADVEST, L.P. §
AND WESTSIDE WATER, LLC FOR §
SALE, TRANSFER, OR MERGER OF §
FACILITIES AND CERTIFICATE §
RIGHTS IN HARRIS, WALLER, AND §
FORT BEND COUNTIES §

COMMISSION STAFF'S FINAL RECOMMENDATION

COMES NOW the Staff of the Public Utility Commission of Texas (Staff), representing the public interest and files this Final Recommendation in response to Order No. 5. In support thereof, Staff would show the following:

I. BACKGROUND

On June 3, 2015, Quadvest, L.P. (Quadvest) and Westside Water, LLC (Westside) (collectively Applicants) filed a STM application (STM or Application) with the Commission for Quadvest to purchase facilities and transfer customers and service area of water and sewer Certificates of Convenience and Necessity (CCNs) 12942 (water) and 20878 (sewer) from Westside in Harris County. As a result of the proposed transaction, Quadvest's water and sewer CCNs will be expanded to include the proposed area and Westside's CCNs will be cancelled. In addition, Westside will no longer be in the retail water or sewer utility business. The application was filed pursuant to the criteria in Tex. Water Code §§ 13.241, 13.246 and 13.301, and 16 Tex. Admin. Code §§ 24.102-107, 24.109 and 24.112.

Based on Staff's October 16, 2016 recommendation, Order No. 4 allowed the proposed sale and transaction to proceed and be consummated. Based on Staff's July 1, 2016 recommendation Order No. 5 deemed the closing documents sufficient. No. 5 set the deadline for Staff to file a recommendation by August 5, 2016.

II. FINAL RECOMMENDATION

On July 19, 2016, Quadvest and Westside filed consent forms, consenting to the maps and certificates transmitted to the Applicants. Staff recommends that the consent forms are sufficient.

No requests for hearing were filed, and the Application meets the requirements of 16 Tex. Admin. Code §§ 24.109 and 24.112 (TAC) Therefore, Staff recommends that the Application be approved.

III. CONCLUSION

Staff respectfully requests that the ALJ issue an order reflecting the above recommendations.

Dated: August 3, 2016

Respectfully Submitted,

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2016 in accordance with 16 TAC § 22.74.

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