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APPLICATION OF SHARON
WATER SUPPLY CORPORATION
TO AMEND ITS CERTIFICATE OF
CONVENIENCE AND NECESSITY IN
UPSHUR AND WOOD COUNTIES

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NOTICE OF APPROVAL

This Notice addresses the application of Sharon Water Supply Corporation to amend its water certificate convenience and necessity (CCN) No. 10476 in Upshur and Wood Counties. Commission Staff recommended approval of this application, as amended. The application, as amended, is approved.

The Commission adopts the following findings of fact and conclusions of law:

I. Findings of Fact

Procedural History

- 1. On June 8, 2015, Sharon WSC filed an application with the Commission to amend its water CCN No. 10476 in Upshur and Wood Counties.
- 2. Sharon WSC seeks to add approximately 21,342 acres and 0 current customers to its certificated water service area.
- Sharon WSC filed supplements to their application on August 11, 2015; August 20, 2015;
 October 19, 2015; October 29, 2015; December 4, 2015; February 11, 2016;
 March 28, 2016; June 8, 2016; July 26, 2016; September 14, 2016; January 20, 2017;
 February 23, 2017; and April 18, 2017.
- 4. On October 14, 2016, Order No. 11 was issued, deeming the application, as amended, administratively complete and establishing a procedural schedule.
- 5. On January 23, 2017, Order No. 13 was issued, deeming notice of this application to be sufficient.
- 6. On March 13, 2017 Sharon WSC filed a signed consent form to the revised map and CCN certificate as prepared by Commission Staff:

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- 7. On May 1, 2017, Commission Staff recommended approval of the application, as amended, and provided copies of the revised water service area map and certificate.
- 8. The final map and certificate referenced in finding of fact No. 6 and 7 are attached to this Notice.
- 9. On May 11, 2017, the parties filed a joint proposed notice of approval and motion to admit evidence.
- 10. On May 18, 2017, Commission Staff provided confirmation that the affected service area is 21,342 acres with zero current customers.
- 11. On May 30, 2017, Order No. 15 was issued admitting evidence into the record.

Notice

- 12. On June 26, 2015, notice of the application was published in the *Texas Register*.
- On December 15, 2016 and December 22, 2016; notice was provided by publication in *The Gilmer Mirror*, a newspaper of general circulation in Upshur County; and on November 9, 2016; December 14, 2016 and December 21, 2016, by publication in the *Wood County Monitor*, a newspaper of general circulation in Wood County.
- 14. Publisher's affidavits were filed on November 22, 2016 and January 5, 2017.
- 15. On October 21, 2016, Sharon WSC mailed notice of the application to neighboring systems, landowners, cities and affected parties.

Informal Disposition

- 16. More than 15 days have passed since the completion of the notice provided in this docket.
- 17. Sharon WSC and Commission Staff are the only parties to this proceeding.
- 18. No protests or requests to opt out were received.
- 19. No issues of fact or law remain disputed by any party, therefore no hearing is necessary.

II. Conclusions of Law

1. The Commission has jurisdiction over these matters under Texas Water Code §§ 13.242 – 13.250 (TWC).

- 2. Sharon WSC is a retail public utility as defined in TWC § 13.002(19) and 16 Texas Administrative Code § 24.3(59) (TAC).
- 3. Public notice of the application was provided in compliance with TWC § 13.246 and 16 TAC § 24.106.
- 4. The application meets the requirements set forth in TWC §§ 13.241, 13.244 and 13.246, and 16 TAC §§ 24.101-.102 and 24.104-.106.
- 5. After considering the relevant factors in TWC § 13.246(c), Sharon WSC is entitled to approval of the application, having demonstrated adequate financial, managerial, and technical capability for providing continuous and adequate service to the requested area and its current service area as required by TWC § 13.241(a).
- 6. Approval of the application is necessary for the service, accommodation, convenience, or safety of the public as required by TWC § 13.246(b) and 16 TAC § 24.102(c).
- 7. Under TWC § 13.257(r) and 16 TAC § 24.106(e), Sharon WSC is required to record a certified copy of the approved CCN and map, along with a boundary description of the service area in the real property records of each county in which the service area or a portion of the service area is located, and submit to the Commission evidence of the recording.
- 8. The requirements for informal disposition in 16 TAC § 22.35 have been met in this proceeding.

III. Ordering Paragraphs

In accordance with these findings of fact and conclusions of law, the Commission issues the following order:

- 1. Sharon WSC's application, as amended, is approved.
- 2. Sharon WSC's water CCN No. 10476 is amended, consistent with this Notice.
- 3. Sharon WSC shall serve every customer and applicant for water service within the area certified under CCN No. 10476, and such service shall be continuous and adequate.

- 4. Sharon WSC shall comply with the recording requirements in TWC § 13.257(r) for the area in Upshur and Wood Counties affected by the application and submit to the Commission evidence of the recording no later than 31 days after receipt of this Notice.
- 5. All other motions, requests for entry of specific findings of fact and conclusions of law, and any other requests for general or specific relief, if not expressly granted herein, are denied.

SIGNED AT AUSTIN, TEXAS the 30 day of May 2017.

PUBLIC UTILITY COMMISSION OF TEXAS

ADMINISTRATIVE LAW JUDGE

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Public Utility Commission of Texas

By These Presents Be It Known To All That

Sharon Water Supply Corporation

having obtained certification to provide water utility service for the convenience and necessity of the public, and it having been determined by this Commission that the public convenience and necessity would in fact be advanced by the provision of such service, Sharon Water Supply Corporation is entitled to this

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to provide continuous and adequate water utility service to that service area or those service areas in Camp, Upshur and Wood Counties as by final Order or Orders duly entered by this Commission, which Order or Orders resulting from Docket No. 44816 are on file at the Commission offices in Austin, Texas; and are matters of official record available for public inspection; and be it known further that these presents do evidence the authority and the duty of the Sharon Water Supply Corporation to provide such utility service in accordance with the laws of this State and Rules of this Commission, subject only to any power and responsibility of this Commission to revoke or amend this Certificate in whole or in part upon a subsequent showing that the public convenience and necessity would be better served thereby.

Issued at Austin, Texas, this 30th day of May 2017.

Sharon Water Supply Corporation Portion of Water CCN No. 10476 PUC Docket No. 44816 Amended CCN No. 10476 in Upshur and Wood Counties

