



Control Number: 45317



Item Number: 28

Addendum StartPage: 0

DOCKET NO. 45317

RECEIVED

2016 OCT 28 AM 11:29

APPLICATION OF MONARCH §  
UTILITIES I, L.P. AND ROMARK §  
UTILITY COMPANY FOR SALE, §  
TRANSFER, OR MERGER OF §  
FACILITIES AND CERTIFICATE §  
RIGHTS IN POLK COUNTY §

PUBLIC UTILITY COMMISSION  
PUBLIC UTILITY COMMISSION  
FILING CLERK  
OF TEXAS

**COMMISSION STAFF'S FINAL RECOMMENDATION**

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

**I. BACKGROUND**

On November 4, 2015, Monarch Utilities I, L.P. (Monarch) and Romark Utility Company (Romark) (jointly Applicants) filed an application for approval of a sale, transfer, or merger (STM) of facilities and certificate rights in Polk County. Applicants seek approval to transfer, but also request amendment of uncertificated area and decertification of portions of the service area to be transferred. The application requests cancellation of Romark's water certificate of convenience and necessity (CCN) No. 10116 and amendment of Monarch's CCN No. 12983. This application affects approximately 387 acres and 125 current customers in the Oak Terrace Estates Subdivision.

Order No. 5, issued June 15, 2016, approved the sale/transfer to proceed with closing. Applicants filed closing documentation, including an affidavit attesting to customer deposits, on July 19, 2016. Applicants filed additional documentation evidencing the disposition of customer deposits on September 6, 2016. Order No. 7 gave Staff until October 28, 2016 to file a final recommendation. This pleading is therefore timely filed.

**II. FINAL RECOMMENDATION**

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

28

**III. CONCLUSION**

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

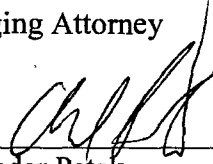
Dated: October 28, 2016

Respectfully Submitted,

**PUBLIC UTILITY COMMISSION OF  
TEXAS LEGAL DIVISION**

Margaret Uhlig Pemberton  
Division Director

Karen S. Hubbard  
Managing Attorney



Alexander Petak  
State Bar No. 24088216  
1701 N. Congress Avenue  
P.O. Box 13326  
Austin, Texas 78711-3326  
(512) 936-7377  
(512) 936-7268 (facsimile)

**DOCKET NO. 45317  
CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE**

I certify that a copy of this document will be served on all parties of record on October 28, 2016 in accordance with 16 TAC § 22.74.



Alexander Petak