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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

OF TEXAS

ORDER NO. 1 REQUIRING COMMISSION STAFF COMMENTS/RECOMMENDATION

I. Application

On November 5, 2015, Monarch Utilities I, L.P. (Monarch) and Romark Utility Company (Romark) filed an application for approval of a sale, transfer, or merger of facilities and certificate rights in Polk County. The parties seek approval to transfer, but also request amendment 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.

II. Establishing Deadline for Commission Staff's Recommendation

Pursuant to 16 Tex. Admin. Code § 24.8(a) (TAC), Commission Staff shall file on or before **December 7, 2015**¹ 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 November 27, 2015.

III. Filings

Unless otherwise specified, an original and 10 copies of documents relating to this proceeding must be filed with the Commission filing clerk according to 16 TAC § 22.71. A copy

¹ The 30^{th} day is a Saturday, December 5, 2015. Thus, pursuant to 16 TAC § 22.4 the period shall conclude on the end of the next day on which the Commission is open for business.

of each document filed with the Commission must also be served on all parties as provided in 16 TAC § 22.74. All filings can be accessed on the PUC Interchange, <u>http://interchange.puc.texas.gov</u>.

All parties shall provide their current addresses, telephone and facsimile numbers, if available, to all other parties and the Commission by filing and serving all parties with such information. Each party shall provide the Commission and all parties with updated address, telephone, and facsimile information if such information changes. The telephone and facsimile numbers will be placed on the service list for this proceeding. Parties are responsible for updating their own service lists to reflect changed information and the addition of any other parties.

IV. Ex Parte Communications

Pursuant to 16 TAC § 22.3(b)(2) *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. Questions concerning this order or any other order must be submitted in writing, filed with the Commission, and served on all parties of record.

SIGNED AT AUSTIN, TEXAS on the $12^{4/3}$ day of November 2015.

PUBLIC UTILITY COMMISSION OF TEXAS

SUSAN E. GOODSØN ADMINISTRATIVE LAW JUDGE

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