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APPLICATION OF RANCH UTILITIES,
L.P. AND EMCAD WATER AND
WASTEWATER, LLC FOR SALE,
TRANSFER, OR MERGER OF
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IN PARKER COUNTY §
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COMMISSION STAFF’S RECOMMENDATION FOR AN UPDATED PROCEDURAL SCHEDULE

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

I. BACKGROUND

On November 23, 2015, Ranch Utilities, L.P. (Ranch Utilities) and EMCAD Water and Wastewater, LLC (EMCAD) (jointly Applicants) filed an application for sale, transfer, or merger (STM) of facilities and certificate of convenience and necessity rights in Parker County. Specifically, EMCAD seeks approval to acquire a portion of the sewer systems assets of Ranch Utilities held under sewer Certificate of Convenience and Necessity (CCN) No. 21064 in the Sugar Tree Subdivision.

On February 29, 2016, Order No. 3 was issued, deeming Applicant’s application administratively complete. Order No. 4 extended the deadline for Ranch Utilities to file affidavits attesting to mailed and published notice until March 28, 2016. Order No. 3 also required Staff to file an updated procedural schedule by May 9, 2016. Therefore, Staff’s recommendation for an updated procedural schedule is timely filed.

II. PROPOSED PROCEDURAL SCHEDULE

On April 1, 2016, Ranch Utilities filed affidavits of notice indicating that notice of the application was mailed to current customers and affected municipalities on March 2, 2016. Notice was published in the *The Weatherford Democrat* on March 6 and 16, 2016. Pursuant to 16 Tex. Admin. Code § 24.109(e), the 120-day deadline to approve the sale administratively or require a public hearing to determine if the transaction will serve the public interest ends on July

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14, 2016.¹ Staff proposes the following supplemental procedural schedule for the processing of this application:

Event	Date
Notice Completed	March 16, 2016
Deadline for Intervention	April 18, 2016
Deadline for Staff to request a hearing or file a recommendation on the approval of the sale and on the CCN amendment	June 29, 2016
Deadline for parties to file a response to Staff's recommendation	July 6, 2016
Expiration of 120-day deadline for Commission action pursuant to 16 TAC § 24.109(e)	July 14, 2016

III. CONCLUSION

Staff respectfully requests that the ALJ issue an order consistent with this Response.

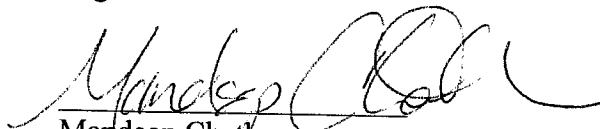
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¹ The 120-day deadline begins on the *later* of: "(1) the date the applicant files an application under this section; (2) if mailed notice is required, the last date the applicant mailed the required notice as stated in the applicant's affidavit of notice; or (3) if newspaper notice is required, the last date of the publication of the notice in the newspaper as stated in the affidavit of publication." 16 TAC § 24.109(a) (emphasis added).

Respectfully Submitted,

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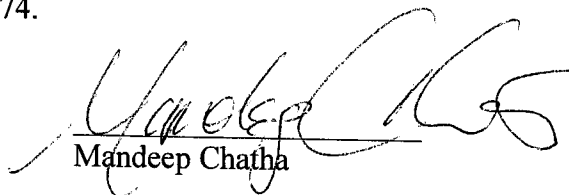


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May 9, 2016 in accordance with 16 TAC § 22.74.



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