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APPLICATION OF HOE WATER §
SUPPLY CORPORATION AND §
HARRIS COUNTY MUD NO. 480 §
FOR SALE, TRANSFER, OR §
MERGER OF CERTIFICATE §
RIGHTS IN HARRIS COUNTY §

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**COMMISSION STAFF'S REQUEST FOR EXTENSION AND SUPPLEMENTAL
PROPOSED PROCEDURAL SCHEDULE**

COMES NOW the Staff (Staff) of the Public Utility Commission of Texas (Commission), representing the public interest, and files this Response to Order No. 5, Request for Extension, and Supplemental Proposed Procedural Schedule.

I. Background

On January 11, 2016, HOE Water Supply Corporation (HOE WSC) and Harris County Municipal Utility District No. 480 (Harris County MUD) filed an application for approval of a sale, transfer, or merger of facilities and certificate of convenience and necessity (CCN) rights in Harris County (Application). HOE WSC seeks approval to transfer a portion of its water service area to Harris County MUD.

On June 14, 2016, the Administrative Law Judge (ALJ) issued Order No. 5 establishing the procedural schedule for the remainder of the proceeding. Order No. 5 requires Staff to file a recommendation on the sale by July 22, 2016. Therefore, this Response is timely filed.

II. Request for Extension

Pursuant to 16 Tex. Admin. Code § 22.4(b) (TAC), Staff may request the time for filing any documents be extended for good cause. In reviewing the Application, Staff identified a need for additional information from the Applicants in order to make a recommendation regarding the sale. Staff filed additional discovery on July 19, 2016, but the Applicants will need time to provide responses to the discovery requests. Therefore, Staff requests the ALJ find good cause to extend the deadline for Staff to file a recommendation on the sale.

III. Proposed Procedural Schedule

Staff recommends the following procedural schedule:

Event	Date
Deadline for Staff to request a hearing or file a recommendation on the approval of the sale and on the CCN amendment	August 24, 2016
Deadline for parties to file a response to Staff's recommendation	August 31, 2016
Expiration of 120-day deadline for Commission to approve the proposed sale or request a hearing pursuant to 16 TAC § 24.109(e).	September 20, 2016

The procedural schedule set out in Order No. 5 provided additional deadlines for Staff to file final maps. Staff recently changed procedures for processing STM applications allowing for the final mapping to be completed after Staff has received the final sale documents. Staff respectfully requests the dates requiring Staff to provide maps and for the Applicants to provide consent to those maps be removed from the procedural schedule.

IV. Conclusion

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

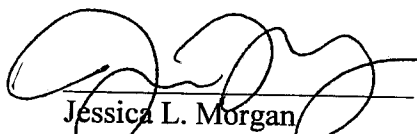
Dated: July 20, 2016

Respectfully Submitted,

**PUBLIC UTILITY COMMISSION OF TEXAS
LEGAL DIVISION**

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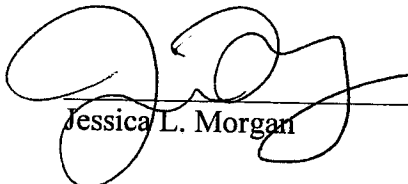
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