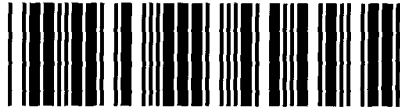




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CORPORATION AND CITY OF
HEARNE FOR SALE, TRANSFER,
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**COMMISSION STAFF'S RECOMMENDATION ON NOTICE AND PROCEDURAL
SCHEDULE**

COMES NOW the Staff of the Public Utility Commission of Texas (Staff), representing the public interest and files this Recommendation on Notice and Procedural Schedule. In support thereof, Staff would show the following:

I. BACKGROUND

On June 29, 2016, Bethany Hearne Water Supply Company (Bethany Hearne WSC) and the City of Hearne (collectively Applicants) filed an application for sale, transfer, or merger (STM) of facilities and certificate of convenience and necessity rights in Robertson County. Specifically, the City of Hearne seeks approval to acquire a portion of the water system assets of Bethany Hearne WSC held under water Certificate of Convenience and Necessity (CCN) No. 10330.

Order No. 2 set the deadline for Staff to file a recommendation on the sufficiency of notice and propose an additional procedural schedule as September 9, 2016. Therefore, this pleading is timely filed.

II. RECOMMENDATION ON NOTICE

Staff recommends that the notice issued on August 16, 2016 be found insufficient, as the proof of notice submitted did not include a list of those noticed. Staff is in discussions with the Applicants to procure that information. Staff proposes that the Applicants be given until September 16, 2016 to file supplemental documentation on notice and Staff be given until September 23, 2016 to file additional comments and recommend an additional procedural schedule.

III. CONCLUSION

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

Dated: September 9, 2016

Respectfully Submitted,

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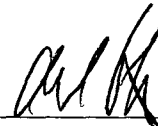


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I certify that a copy of this document will be served on all parties of record on September 9, 2016 in accordance with 16 TAC § 22.74.



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