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WATER SUPPLY AND SIMPLY §
AQUATICS, INC. FOR SALE, §
TRANSFER, OR MERGER OF §
FACILITIES AND CERTIFICATE §
RIGHTS IN SAN AUGUSTINE §
COUNTY §

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OF TEXAS PUBLIC UTILITY COMMISSION
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**ORDER NO. 1
REQUIRING COMMISSION STAFF COMMENTS/RECOMMENDATION AND
ADDRESSING PROCEDURAL MATTERS**

I. Application

On July 14, 2016, El Pinion Water Supply (El Pinion) and Simply Aquatics, Inc. filed an application for the sale, transfer, or merger of facilities and certificate rights in San Augustine County. Specifically, Simply Aquatics seeks approval to acquire all of the water system assets of El Pinion held under water certificate of convenience and necessity (CCN) No. 12206, and the certificate itself. The total area being requested includes approximately 25 acres and serves 76 current customers.

II. Establishing Deadline for Commission Staff's Recommendation

Commission Staff shall file, on or before **August 15, 2016**, 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.¹

The Commission will submit notice of this application for publication in the *Texas Register* on July 29, 2016.

¹ 16 Tex. Admin. Code § 24.8(a) (TAC).

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III. Filings

Unless otherwise specified, an original and ten copies of documents relating to this proceeding must be filed with the Commission filing clerk.² A copy of each document filed with the Commission must also be served on all parties.³ All filings can be accessed on the PUC Interchange, <http://interchange.puc.texas.gov>.

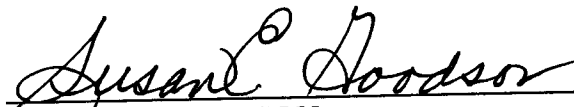
All parties shall provide their current addresses, telephone and facsimile numbers, if available, to all other parties and the Commission by filing and serving all parties with such information. Each party shall provide the Commission and all parties with updated address, telephone, and facsimile information 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

Ex parte communications with the administrative law judges and presiding officer (collectively, ALJs) are prohibited.⁴ 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 18th day of July 2016.

PUBLIC UTILITY COMMISSION OF TEXAS



SUSAN E. GOODSON
ADMINISTRATIVE LAW JUDGE

² 16 TAC § 22.71.

³ 16 TAC § 22.74.

⁴ 16 TAC § 22.3(b)(2).