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APPLICATION OF VISTA VERDE §
WATER SYSTEMS INC. AND SIMPLY §
AQUATICS, INC. FOR SALE, §
TRANSFER, OR MERGER OF §
FACILITIES AND CERTIFICATE §
RIGHTS IN MONTGOMERY COUNTY §

COMMISSION STAFF'S PROPOSED PROCEDURAL SCHEDULE

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

I. Background

On July 14, 2016, Vista Verde Water Systems, Inc. (Vista Verde) and Simply Aquatics, Inc. (Simply Aquatics) (collectively the Applicants) filed an application for the sale, transfer, or merger of facilities and certificate rights in Montgomery County. Specifically, Simply Aquatics seeks approval to acquire all of the water system assets of Vista Verde held under water certificate of convenience and necessity (CCN) No. 13034, and the certificate itself. The total area being requested includes approximately 346 acres and serves 45 current customers.

On April 18, 2017, Order No. 7 was issued deeming notice sufficient and complete. On April 19, 2017, an Order of Referral was issued referring this docket to the State Office of Administrative Hearings (SOAH). On May 3, 2017, SOAH Order No. 1 was issued remanding this docket back to the Commission. On May 3, 2017, Order No. 8 was issued requiring Staff to file comments/recommendation regarding a procedural schedule for continued processing by May 16, 2017. Accordingly, this pleading is timely filed.

II. Proposed Procedural Schedule

Staff proposes the following procedural schedule:

Event	Date
Notice completed	February 15, 2017

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Deadline for intervention	March 17, 2017 ¹
Deadline for Staff to request a hearing or file a recommendation on the approval of the sale and on the CCN amendment	June 5, 2017
Deadline for parties to file a response to Staff's recommendation	June 9, 2017
120 day deadline for the Commission to approve the sale or require a hearing	June 15, 2017 ²

1. Conclusion

Staff respectfully requests that an order be issued consistent with this Recommendation.


Dated: May 16, 2017

Respectfully Submitted,

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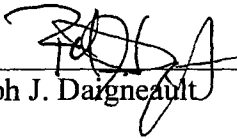
¹ Pursuant to 16 TAC § 24.106(a)(3), the intervention deadline is 30 days after the mailing or publication of notice, whichever occurs later. Notice was mailed on February 15, 2017. Therefore, 30 days after February 15, 2017 is March 17, 2017.

² Pursuant to 16 TAC § 24.109, the deadline for Commission action is 120 days after the later of either when the application is filed, when notice was mailed, or when notice is published. One hundred and twenty days after February 15, 2017 is June 15, 2017.

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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I certify that a copy of this document will be served on all parties of record on May 16, 2017, in accordance with 16 TAC § 22.74.



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