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APPLICATION OF WIEDENFELD. §	AND KOV TO
WATER WORKS, INC. AND SWWC §	PUBLIC UTILITY COMMISSION
UTILITIES, INC. DBA WATER \$	
SERVICES, INC. FOR APPROVAL OF §	OF TEXAS
INTER-COMPANY TRANSFER OF §	
ASSETS §	•

COMMISSION STAFF'S RECOMMENDATION ON NOTICE AND SUFFICIENCY OF APPLICATION

COMES NOW the Staff of the Public Utility Commission of Texas (Commission), representing the public interest and files this Recommendation on Notice and Sufficiency of Application, and would show the following:

I. BACKGROUND

On October 28, 2016, Wiedenfeld Water Works, Inc. (WWW) and SWWC Utilities, Inc. dba Water Services, Inc. (SWWC) filed an application for sale, transfer, or merger of facilities and certificate of convenience and necessity rights in Kendall, Kerr, and Medina Counties. Specifically, the applicants seek approval to transfer assets of WWW to SWWC through an intercompany accounting entry. No change to the existing service area boundaries of either WWW or SWWC is requested. On November 2, 2016, Order No. 1 was issued, requiring that Staff file 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.

II. RECOMMENDATION ON SUFFICIENCY OF NOTICE AND APPLICATION

Staff recommends that the application be deemed administratively complete, as set forth in the attached memorandum from Leila Guerrero and Gary Horton Jr. of the Water Utility Regulation Division. Staff further recommends the Applicant be required to provide additional notice to the entities listed in the memorandum, using the attached notice and providing proof of notice using the attached affidavit. Staff recommends the following procedural schedule:

Event	Date		
Deadline for Applicants to file proof of notice	January 6, 2017		
Deadline for Staff to file a recommendation on sufficiency of notice	Within 10 days of the Applicants filing proof of completed notice with the Commission		
Deadline to intervene	30 days after notice is issued		

Dated: November 28, 2016

Respectfully Submitted,

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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I certify that a copy of this document will be served on all parties of record on November 28, 2016 in accordance with 16 Tex. Admin. Code § 22.74.

Jason Haas

PUC Interoffice Memorandum

To:

Jason Haas, Attorney

Legal Division

Thru:

Tammy Benter, Director Lisa Fuentes, Manager

Water Utility Regulation Division

From:

Leila Guerrero, Regulatory Accountant/Auditor

Gary Horton Jr., GIS Specialist Water Utility Regulation Division

Date:

November 16, 2016

Subject:

Docket 46494, Application of SWWC Utilities, Inc. dba Water Services, Inc. and Wiedenfeld Water Works, Inc., for Sale, Transfer, or Merger of Facilities and

Certificate Rights in Kendall, Kerr, and Medina Counties

On October 31, 2016, Wiedenfeld Water Works, Inc. ("Wiedenfeld" or "Seller") and SWWC Utilities, Inc. dba Water Services, Inc. ("SWWC Utilities" or "Purchaser"), (Collectively, Applicants) filed with the Public Utility Commission of Texas ("Commission") an application for the sale, transfer, or merger of facilities and certificate rights in Kendall, Kerr, and Medina Counties, Texas. Specifically, SWWC Utilities seeks approval to acquire all of the water assets and utility service area of Wiedenfeld, to cancel Wiedenfeld's water Certificate of Convenience and Necessity (CCN) No. 12052, and amend CCN No. 11106 of SWWC Utilities. This application is being reviewed pursuant to Texas Water Code Ann., §§ 13.301 and 13.242 to 13.250 (TWC) and the 16 Tex. Admin Code §§ 24.109 and 24.112 (TAC).

Staff has reviewed the required application and mapping information and recommends that the application be deemed administratively complete and sufficient for filing. Staff further recommends the Applicant be required to do the following:

- 1) Provide notice to the following:
 - a) any districts, utilities, and cities within two (2) miles of the proposed area;
 - b) the county judge of each county and each groundwater conservation district that is wholly or partly included in the proposed area to be certified;
 - c) each city with an extraterritorial jurisdiction (ETJ) that is wholly or partly included in the proposed area to be certified; and
 - d) any customers transferred, or other affected parties in the requested area.
- 2) Provide notice to the following entities:

Cow Creek GCD

Edwards Aquifer Authority

Guadalupe-Blanco River Authority

Headwater UWCD

Kerr County-Center Point WCID

Medina County GCD

Upper Guadalupe River Authority

Aqua Utilities Inc. (CCN Nos. 11157 and 12902)

Bandera County River Authority

City of Ingram

City of Kerrville (CCN No. 12928)

Fremont Water Co. (CCN No. 12821)

Generis Water Works (CCN No. 12908)

Harper Water Company Inc. (11421)

Hill River Water Works (CCN No. 12939)

Ingram Oaks Company Inc. (CCN No..13134)

Kendall County Judge

Kendall County WCID 1 (CCN·No.-10685)

Kerr County-Center Point-WCID

Kerr County Judge

Kerr County Water Systems LLC (CCN No. 13166)

Kerrville South Water Co., Inc. (CCN No. 11484)

Mary Meade Water Company (CCN No. 11570)

Medina County Judge

Shalako Estates & Canyon Springs Water Systems (CCN No. 12685)

V.

Sherwood-Mt. Pisgah WSC (CCN No. 13050)

Split Rock Water System Inc. (CCN NO. 12068)

Verde Hills WSC (CCN No. 12093)

Woods WSC (CCN No. 11879)

Yancey WSC (CCN No. 11463)

Notice to Current Customers, Neighboring Systems, and Cities

WIEDENDFELD WATER WORKS, INC., NOTICE OF INTENT TO CANCEL CCN NO. 12052, AND TO SELL ALL WATER FACILITIES AND TRANSFER WATER SERVICE CCN AREA TO SWWC UTILITIES, INC. DBA WATER SERVICES, INC., IN KENDALL, KERR, AND MEDINA COUNTIES, TEXAS

Γo: .		Date Notice Mailed:	, 2016
(Name of Customer, Neighboring Sy	vstem, or City)		
(Address)	`	r	
(City State	Zip)		
Wiedenfeld Water Works, Inc.	12535 Reed Road,	Sugar Land, TX	77478
(Seller's or Transferor's Name)	(Address)	(City) (State)	(Zip Code)
Kerr, and Medina Counties, Texas to SWWC Utilities, Inc. dba Water Ser	rvices, Inc. 12535 Ree		
(Purchaser's or Transferee's Name)	(Address)		
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The sale is scheduled to take place a	as approved by the Con	nmission. The transaction	n includes the
following subdivisions: Cedar Spring	ngs Mobile Home Villa	ige, Center Point, Herita	ge Park, Hills
and Dales, Montebello, Oak Ridge	Estates, Platten Creek,	Rocky Creek, Silver Cr	eek, Southern
Hills, Verde Park Estates, Vista Hill	ls, Westwood Park, Wii	ndwood Oaks, and Wood	haven Mobile
Home Park.	•	ŧ	v a
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The areas subject to this transaction	are:		
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KENDALL COUNTY:

PLATTEN CREEK WATER located approximately 6.4 miles north of Sisterdale and bounded on the west by FM 1376 and the back property lines along Platten Creek Road and Whitworth Drive. Total area is approximately 242.8 acres.

KERR COUNTY:

CEDAR SPRINGS MOBILE HOME VILLAGE located approximately 2 miles west of Ingram and generally bounded by Highway 39 on the south, Lakeshore Trail on the west, Ingram Lake RV Park Road on the north, and White Oak Street West on the east. Total area is approximately 22.2 acres.

CENTER POINT located approximately 0.5 miles north of downtown Center Point and generally bounded by the Guadalupe River on the south, Bowlin Drive East and Depot Alley on the west, Highway 27 on the north, and San Antonio Street on the east. Total area is approximately 93 acres.

HERITAGE PARK located approximately 2 miles east of Center Point and generally bounded by Burney Road North on the west and Total area is approximately 212 acres.

HILLS and DALES located approximately 5 miles north of Ingram and bounded on the south by Highway 39, on the west by Spring Lakes Parkway West, and Cypress Parkway West on the north.

Total area is approximately 188 acres...

OAK RIDGE ESTATES located approximately 0.25 miles east of Center Point and bounded by Stoneleigh Road on the south. Total area is approximately 21.6 acres.

SOUTHERN HILLS located approximately 4 miles south of Kerrville and generally bounded by Highway 16 (Medina Highway) on the south, West Creek and Madrona Drive on the west, and Calcote Road and Nixon Lane on the north and east. Total area is approximately 1,349 acres.

VERDE PARK ESTATES located approximately 1 mile south of Center Point, and generally bounded on the west by Highway 480, on the north by Verde Creek Drive and Austin Lane East, and on the east by Elm Park Road. Total area is approximately 490 acres.

VISTA HILLS located approximately 1.5 miles northeast of Kerrville and bounded by Scenic Hills road on the west and south and generally bounded by Scenic Valley Road on the east. Total area is approximately 92.3 acres.

WESTWOOD located approximately 0.5 miles West of Comfort and generally bounded by Schadoer Road on the west, Sherwood road on the north, Marilyn Drive North on the east, and on the south by Highway 27. Total area is approximately 220 acres.

WINDWOOD OAKS SUBDIVISION located approximately south of Kerrville on Hwy 2771 and generally bounded by Turtle Creek on the west and south, and by Oak Wood Road East on the north. Total area is approximately 48 acres.

WOODHAVEN MOBILE HOME PARK located approximately 1 mile east of Ingram and generally bounded by Riverview Road on the west, Linn Drive South on the south, Nichols Cemetery LP on the south and east, and Highway 27 on the north. Total-area is approximately 17.3 acres.

MEDINA COUNTY:

ROCKY CREEK SUBDIVISION located approximately 2.5 miles south of Medina Lake and generally bounded by County Road 265 on the north, County road 266 on the west, and county Road 271 on the east. Total area is approximately 310 acres.

The total area being requested serves <u>855</u> current water customers. This transaction will have the following effect on the current customers' rates and services: <u>Current customer rates will remain the same</u>, service quality will remain the same, and <u>SWWC Utilities</u>, <u>Inc. service policies and fees will remain the same</u>.

A request for a public hearing must be in writing. You must state (1) your name, mailing address, and daytime telephone number; (2) the applicant's name, application number or another recognizable reference to this application; (3) the statement, "I/we request a public hearing"; (4) a brief description of how you or the persons you represent, would be adversely affected by the granting of the application for a STM; and (5) your proposed adjustment to the application or CCN which would satisfy your concerns and cause you to withdraw your request for a hearing.

Persons who wish to intervene or comment should file a request in writing with the:

Filing Clerk Public Utility Commission of Texas 1701 North Congress Avenue P.O. Box 13326 Austin, Texas 78711-3326

within thirty (30) days from the date of this publication or notice. A public hearing will be held only if a legally sufficient hearing request is received or if the Commission on its own motion requests a hearing. Only those individuals who submit a written hearing request or a written request to be notified if a hearing is set will receive notice if a hearing is scheduled.

If a public hearing is requested, Commission will not transfer the CCN and will forward the application to the State Office of Administrative Hearings (SOAH) for a hearing. If no settlement is reached and an evidentiary hearing is held, the SOAH will submit a recommendation to the Commission for final decision. If an evidentiary hearing is held, it will be a legal proceeding similar to a civil trial in state district court.

Si desea informacion en Espanol, puede llamar al 1-888-782-8477

Utility Representative
Utility Name

PUBLIC UTILITY COMMISSION



AFFIDAVIT OF NOTICE TO CURRENT CUSTOMERS, NEIGHBORING UTILITIES AND AFFECTED PARTIES Docket No. 46494

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