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# APPLICATION OF QUADVEST, L.P. FOR TEMPORARY RATES FOR SERVICES PROVIDED FOR A NONFUNCTIONAL UTILITY

# PUBLIC UTILITY COMMISSION

OF TEXAS

#### **ORDER NO. 1**

# REQUIRING COMMENTS ON ADMINISTRATIVE COMPLETENESS AND ADDRESSING OTHER PROCEDURAL MATTERS

### I. Application

On June 9, 2017, Quadvest LP, filed with the Commission, an application for temporary rates for services provided for a non-functioning utility under Texas Water Code § 13.046 (TWC) and 16 Texas Ádministrative Code § 24.147 (TAC).

Quadvest stated that on March 27, 2017 the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality (TCEQ), appointed Quadvest as the temporary manager of the water utility systems owned by Suburban. As temporary manager, Quadvest requests approval of temporary rates effective June 9, 2017, and to remain in effect for a period allowed by statue or until additional information is gathered by temporary manager supporting an adjustment to such temporary rates. Quadvest stated that notice will be provided to Suburban customers on or about June 9, 2017.

## II. Requiring Comments on Administrative Completeness of the Application and Notice

The application shall be reviewed for administrative completeness within 30 calendar days of receipt of the application.<sup>1</sup> An application is not considered filed with the Commission until a determination of administrative completeness is made. By **July 10, 2017**, Commission Staff shall file comments on the administrative completeness of the application and notice.

#### <sup>1</sup> 16 TAC § 24.8(a).

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#### III. Requesting Procedural Schedule

The Commission shall issue an order regarding the reasonableness of the temporary rates within 90 days of receiving notice of the temporary rate increase.<sup>2</sup> By **July 10, 2017**, Quadvest and Commission Staff shall file comments regarding how this application should be processed and propose a procedural schedule.

#### IV. Discovery

Discovery may proceed informally; however, objections to Requests for Information (RFIs) must be filed and served within 10 days of receiving the RFI. Objections shall include a statement that negotiations were conducted diligently and in good faith. If the parties are unable to resolve a discovery dispute, a motion to compel a response to an RFI must be filed and served within 5 working days of receipt of an objection. The motion to compel shall specify the grounds for the motion.

#### V. Filing Requirements

Unless otherwise specified, an original and ten copies of documents relating to this proceeding must be filed with the Commission filing clerk.<sup>3</sup> A copy of each document filed with the Commission must also be served on all parties.<sup>4</sup> All filings can be accessed on the PUC Interchange, <u>http://interchange.puc.texas.gov</u>.

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.

- <sup>3</sup> 16 TAC § 22.71.
- <sup>4</sup> 16 TAC § 22.74.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> 16 TAC § 24.147(c).

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### VI. Ex Parte Communications

*Ex parte* communications with the administrative law judges and presiding officer (collectively, ALJs) are prohibited.<sup>5</sup> 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 the  $\frac{13}{12}$  day of June 2017.

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ADMINISTRATIVE LAW JUDGE

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<sup>5</sup> 16 TAC § 22.3(b)(2).

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