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APPLICATION OF UNDINE TEXAS, LLC AND CONSUMERS WATER, INC. FOR SALE, TRANSFER, OR MERGER OF FACILITIES AND CERTIFICATE RIGHTS IN HARRIS AND MONTGOMERY COUNTIES

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#### COMMISSION STAFF'S RECOMMENDATION ON NOTICE AND PROPOSED PROCEDURAL SCHEDULE

COMES NOW the Staff (Staff) of the Public Utility Commission of Texas (Commission), representing the public interest, and files this Recommendation.

#### I. BACKGROUND

On August 7, 2017, Undine Texas, LLC (Undine) and Consumers Water, Inc. (collectively, Applicants) filed an application for approval of the sale, transfer, or merger of certificate rights in Harris and Montgomery counties (Application).<sup>1</sup> Supplements to the application were filed on August 11, 2017 and August 28, 2017.

On September 27, Undine filed a proof of notice, indicating that notice was completed on September 26, 2017.<sup>2</sup>

On September 21, 2017, Order No. 3 was entered, requiring Undine to file a proof of notice, setting the deadline to intervene and deadline for intervenors to request a hearing as 20 days from the completion of notice, and requiring Staff to file a recommendation on the sufficiency of notice.<sup>3</sup> This pleading is timely filed.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> Application (August 7, 2017).

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> Proof of Notice (Sept. 27, 2017).

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>3</sup> Order No. 3 (Sept. 21, 2017).

#### **II. RECOMMENDATION ON NOTICE**

Staff has reviewed Undine's proof of notice and recommends that it be deemed to be sufficient.

#### **III. PROPOSED PROCEDURAL SCHEDULE**

Staff proposes the below procedural schedule. Staff has conferred with Undine, which indicated that it is not opposed to Staff's proposal.

| Event                                        | Date               |
|----------------------------------------------|--------------------|
| Notice completed                             | September 26, 2017 |
| Deadline for intervention, deadline for      | October 16, 2017   |
| Intervenors to request a hearing             |                    |
| Deadline for Commission Staff to request a   | November 29, 2017  |
| hearing or file a recommendation on approval |                    |
| of the sale                                  |                    |
| Deadline or parties to file a response to    | December 13, 2017  |
| Commission Staff's recommendation            |                    |
| 120-day deadline or the Commission to        | January 24, 2017   |
| approve the sale or require a hearing        |                    |
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#### **IV. CONCLUSION**

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Staff respectfully requests the entry of an order consistent with the above discussion.

Date: October 9, 2017

Respectfully Submitted,

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## DOCKET NO. 47477 CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I certify that a copy of this document will be served on all parties of record on October 9,

2017 in accordance with 16 TAC § 22.74.

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