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APPLICATION OF JENNIFER	§	PUBLIC UTILITY COMMISSION
FULTZ, RECEIVER FOR	§	PUBLIC TOLITY OF MALL SM
THUNDERBIRD POINT WATER	§	OF TEXAS:
SYSTEM AND BI-COUNTY WATER	§	
SUPPLY CORPORATION FOR	§	
SALE, TRANSFER OR MERGER OF	§	
FACILITIES AND CERTIFICATE	§	
RIGHTS IN CAMP COUNTY	§	

## COMMISSION STAFF'S RECOMMENDATION ON ADMINISTRATIVE COMPLETENESS

**COMES NOW** the Staff of the Public Utility Commission of Texas (Staff), representing the public interest, and files this response to Order No. 1, Staff's Recommendation on Sufficiency of the Application. Staff recommends that the application be deemed sufficient for further review. In support thereof, Staff shows the following:

#### I. BACKGROUND

On September 11, 2017, Bi-County Water Supply Corporation (Buyer) and Jennifer Fultz, Receiver for Thunderbird Point Water System (Seller) (collectively, Applicants) filed an application for sale, transfer, or merger of facilities and certificate rights in Camp County, Texas. Specifically, the Buyer seeks approval to acquire a portion of the Seller's facilities and to transfer a portion of the water service area from the Seller under water Certificate of Convenience and Necessity (CCN) No. 11243.

On September 12, 2017, Order No. 1 was issued, establishing a deadline of October 11, 2017, for Staff to file a recommendation on the administrative completeness of the application and notice and propose a procedural schedule for further processing of the application.

#### II. ADMINISTRATIVE COMPLETENESS

As detailed in the attached memorandum from Emily Sears in the Commission's Water Utility Regulation Division, Staff has reviewed the application and supplemental information filed by Thunderbird, and recommends that it be found administratively complete.

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#### III. NOTICE

As detailed in the attached memorandum, Staff recommends that Applicants be directed to use the attached notice forms to the following:

- 1) Provide notice of the application to the following:
  - a) cities, districts, and neighboring retail public utilities providing the same utility service whose corporate boundaries or certificated service area are located within two miles from the outer boundary of the requested area;
  - b) the county judge of each county that is wholly or partially included in the requested area; and
  - c) each groundwater conservation district that is wholly or partially included in the requested area; and
  - d) affected customers
- 2) Provide correct notice of the application to the following entities:
  - Tri SUD, CCN No. 10402
  - Aqua Texas, Inc., CCN No. 13201
  - Titus County FWSD 1
  - City of Rocky Mound
  - Camp County Judge AJ Mason
- 3) Provide an accurate map delineating the requested service area with each individual notice to neighboring utilities, other affected parties, and customers. Information related to districts including addresses can be obtained by the Applicant from the TCEQ web site located at <a href="http://www14.tceq.texas.gov/iwud/">http://www14.tceq.texas.gov/iwud/</a>.
- 4) File in the docket an affidavit specifying every person and entity to whom notice was provided and the date that the notice was provided within 30 days of the date of the notice. It is recommended that the Applicant use the attached notice and affidavit to meet these requirements.

### IV. PROCEDURAL SCHEDULE

Staff proposes the following procedural schedule:

Event	Date
Deadline for Applicant to file with the Commission signed affidavits that the notice was given along with a copy of the notice sent to the affected parties and published in a newspaper of general circulation	November 27, 2017
Deadline for Staff to file a recommendation on sufficiency of notice	Within 10 days of Applicant filing proof of completed notice with the Commission
Deadline to intervene	30 days after notice is issued

### V. CONCLUSION

For the reasons detailed above, Staff recommends that the application be found administratively complete, that Applicants be directed to provide notice as detailed above and in the attached memorandum, and that the procedural schedule proposed above be adopted.

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 this the 11<sup>th</sup> of October, 2017 in accordance with 16 TAC § 22.74.

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### **PUC Interoffice Memorandum**

To:

Kevin Bartz Legal Division

Thru:

Tammy Benter, Director Lisa Fuentes, Manager

Water Utility Regulation Division

From:

Emily Sears, Financial Analyst Water Utility Regulation Division

Date:

October 5, 2017

Subject:

**Docket No. 47592.** Application of Jennifer Fultz. Receiver for Thunderbird Point Water System and Bi-County Water Supply Corporation for Sale, Transfer, or Merger of

Facilities and Certificate Rights in Camp County

On September 11, 2017, Bi-County Water Supply Corporation (Buyer) and Jennifer Fultz, Receiver for Thunderbird Point Water System (Seller) (collectively, Applicants) filed an application for Sale, Transfer, or Merger (STM) of facilities and certificate rights in Camp County, Texas, pursuant to Texas Water Code Ann. (TWC) § 13.301 and the 16 Tex. Admin Code (TAC) § 24.109. Specifically, the Buyer seeks approval to acquire a portion of the Seller's facilities and to transfer a portion of the water service area from the Seller under water Certificate of Convenience and Necessity (CCN) No. 11243. The requested area includes approximately 283.5 acres and 178 connections.

Based on Staff's review of the above referenced application, Staff recommends that the application be deemed sufficient for filing and be found administratively complete. Staff also recommends the following:

- 1) Provide notice of the application to the following:
  - a) cities, districts, and neighboring retail public utilities providing the same utility service whose corporate boundaries or certificated service area are located within two miles from the outer boundary of the requested area;
  - b) the county judge of each county that is wholly or partially included in the requested area; and
  - c) each groundwater conservation district that is wholly or partially included in the requested area: and
  - d) affected customers
- 2) Provide correct notice of the application to the following entities:
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  - Aqua Texas, Inc., CCN No. 13201
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  - City of Rocky Mound
  - Camp County Judge AJ Mason
- 3) Provide an accurate map delineating the requested service area with each individual notice to neighboring utilities, other affected parties, and customers. Information related to districts including addresses can be obtained by the Applicant from the TCEO web site located at http://www14.tceq.texas.gov/iwud/.



### Notice to Current Customers, Neighboring Systems, and Cities

BI-COUNTY WATER SUPPLY CORPORATION, CERTIFICATE OF CONVENIENCE AND NECESSITY (CCN) NO. 10490, NOTICE OF INTENT TO PURCHASE A PORTION OF WATER FACILITIES AND TO TRANSFER A PORTION OF THE WATER SERVICE AREA UNDER CCN NO. 11243, FROM JENNIFER FULTZ, RECEIVER, FOR THUNDERBIRD POINT WATER SYSTEM IN CAMP COUNTY, TEXAS

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Address)			
Zip)			
P.O. Box 848	Pittsburg,	TX	_75686
(Address)	(City)	(State) (	Zip Code)
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P.O. Box 868	Navosta,	TX	77868
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The sale is scheduled to take place as approved by the Commission (V.T.C.A., Water Code § 13.301). The transaction and the transfer of the CCN includes the following subdivision: Thunderbird Point Subdivision.

The area subject to this transaction is located approximately <u>6</u> miles northwest of downtown <u>Pittsburg</u>, Texas, and is generally bounded on the north by <u>Lake Bob Sandlin</u>; on the east by <u>1</u> mile west of <u>Texas Utilities General Co. Railroad</u>; on the south by <u>CR 2601</u>; and on the west by <u>Lake Bob Sandlin</u>.

The total requested area for the water CCN being transferred includes approximately <u>283.5</u> acres and 178 current customers.

This transaction will have the following effect on the current customers' rates and services: <u>All customers will be charged different rates than they were charged before the transaction.</u>

Persons who wish to intervene in the proceeding or comment upon action sought should contact the Public Utility Commission, P.O. Box 13326, Austin, Texas 78711-3326, or call the Public Utility Commission at (512) 936-7120 or (888) 782-8477. Hearing- and speech-impaired individuals with text telephones (TTY) may contact the commission at (512) 936-7136. The deadline for intervention in the proceeding is (30 days from the mailing or publication of notice,

whichever occurs later, unless otherwise provided by the presiding officer). You must send a letter requesting intervention to the commission which is received by that date.

If a valid public hearing is requested, the Commission 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, SOAH will submit a recommendation to the Commission for final decision. An evidentiary hearing is a legal proceeding similar to a civil trial in state district court.

Si desea información en	español, puede llan	nar al 1–512-936-7	221 or 888-782 <i>-</i>	8477.
Utility Representative				
Utility Name				

### PUBLIC UTILITY COMMISSION



# AFFIDAVIT OF NOTICE TO CURRENT CUSTOMERS, NEIGHBORING UTILITIES AND AFFECTED PARTIES DOCKET NO. 47592

STATE OF TEXAS COUNTY OF		
		has provided individual
notice to the following entities and customers:	-	DATE OF NOTICE
	OATH	
I,	, being duly	sworn, file this form as tionship to applicant, that is,
applicant); that in such capacity, I am qualification personally familiar with the notices given with requirements in the application and application and matters set for therein are true and correct.  Applicant's Authorized Representative	this application, and acceptance letter; and	have complied with all notice
If the applicant to this form is any person other or its' attorney, a properly verified Power of A		
Subscribed and sworn to before me this to certify which witness my hand and seal of o	day of	, 20,
Notary Public in and for the State of Texas		
Print or Type Name of Notary Public		
Commission Expires		