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#### **DOCKET NO. 47940**

PETITION BY TERRA	§	PUBLIC UTILITY COMMISSION
INVESTMENTS, LP TO AMEND	§	
MONARCH UTILITIES, LP'S SEWER	§	OF TEXAS
CERTIFICATE OF CONVENIENCE	§	Lighted Off CMA
AND NECESSITY IN MONTGOMERY	7 <b>§</b>	
COUNTY BY EXPEDITED RELEASE	§	

# COMMISSION STAFF'S RECOMMENDATION ON ADMINISTRATIVE COMPLETENESS

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

#### I. BACKGROUND

On January 10, 2018, Terra Investments, LP (Terra) filed a petition for an expedited release from Monarch Utilities, LP's (Monarch) Sewer Certificate of Convenience and Necessity (CCN) No. 20899, in Montgomery County. Specifically, Petitioner requested for expedited release is approximately 54.86 acres.

On January 19, 2018, Order No. 1 was issued, establishing a deadline of February 9, 2018, for Staff to file a recommendation on the administrative completeness of the application. This pleading is therefore timely filed.

### II. ADMINISTRATIVE COMPLETENESS

As detailed in the attached memorandum from Elizabeth English in the Commission's Water Utility Regulation Division, Staff has reviewed the application filed by Applicants, and recommends that it be found administratively complete.

#### III. NOTICE SUFFICIENCY

Terra asserts in its petition that it provided notice to the CCN holder, Monarch, by certified mail on January 10, 2018. The Commission also published notice of this petition in the *Texas* 

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Register on January 26, 2018. Such notice meets the requirement of 16 Tex. Admin. Code (TAC) § 24.113(s). Accordingly, Staff recommends that the notice issued be found sufficient.

# IV. PROPOSED PROCEDURAL SCHEDULE

Event	Date
Order regarding completeness of petition	February 16, 2018
Deadline for Monarch and/or intervenors to	
file a response to the administratively	
complete petition	February 23, 2018
Staff's recommendation on final disposition	March 2, 2018
Deadline for Terra to respond to respond to	
Staff's recommendation on final disposition	March 9, 2018
Sixty (60) day administrative approval.	April 17, 2018

# V. CONCLUSION

For the reasons detailed above, Staff recommends that the application be found administratively complete and that the proposed procedural schedule 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 February 9, 2018, in accordance with 16 TAC § 22.74.

Rachelle Nicolette Robles

# **PUC Interoffice Memorandum**

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Thru:

Lisa Fuentes, Manager

Water Utility Regulation Division

From:

Elisabeth English, Engineering Specialist

Water Utility Regulation Division

Date:

February 9, 2018

Subject:

**Docket No. 47940**, Petition of Terra Investment, LP. to Amend Monarch Utilities, LP's Sewer Certificate of Convenience and Necessity in Montgomery County by

Expedited Release

On January 10, 2018, Terra Investment, LP (Petitioner) filed a request for an expedited release of approximately 54.86 acres from Monarch Utilities, LP.'s (Monarch) sewer Certificate of Convenience and Necessity (CCN) No. 20899 in Montgomery County. The petition is being reviewed under Texas Water Code (TWC) § 13.254(a-5) and 16 Texas Administrative Code (TAC) § 24.113(1). The Petitioner asserts that the land is at least 25 acres, is not receiving sewer service, and is located in Montgomery County, which is a qualifying county.

The Petitioner has provided an adequate map delineating the requested area for expedited release with enough detail to confirm the accurate positioning of their digital data pursuant to 16 TAC § 24.119. The map and digital data are sufficient for determining the location of the requested release area within Monarch's certificated area. Mapping Staff were able to confirm the acreage of the subject property, and determined that the requested release area is located within the subject property. Furthermore, the Petitioner provided a deed confirming the Petitioner's ownership of the subject property. The Petitioner submitted a sworn affidavit attesting that the subject property was not receiving sewer utility service from Monarch. The area being requested for expedited release is approximately 54.86 acres.

The petition also included a statement that pursuant to Commission rules, a copy of the Petition was sent via certified mail to Monarch, the current holder of CCN No. 20899.

Staff recommends that the petition be deemed sufficient for filing. As summarized above, the petition meets the criteria set forth in TWC § 13.254(a-5) and TAC § 24.113(1).