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PUBLIC UTILITY COMMISSION

OF TEXAS

WATER SUPPLY CORPORATION
AND RED RIVER AUTHORITY OF
TEXAS FOR SALE, TRANSER, OR
MERGER OF FACILITIES AND

APPLICATION OF NORTHSIDE

MERGER OF FACILITIES AND
CERTIFICATE RIGHTS IN
WILBARGER COUNTY

## OBJECTION TO RECOMMENDATION ON ADMINISTRATIVE COMPLETENESS AND PROPOSED NOTICE AND TO PROPOSED SALE OR TRANSFER

COMES NOW, WILBARGER COUNTY, TEXAS, as an interested party herein and files this Objection to the Recommendation on Administrative Completeness and Proposed Notice and to the Proposed Sale or Transfer. In support thereof, WILBARGER COUNTY would show the following:

I.

The proposed sale or transfer of facilities involves property and water rights in Wilbarger County, Texas.

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In 2013, the Texas Legislature amended the rights and authority of the Red River Authority of Texas to require that the commissioners court of the county must approve the purchase of groundwater rights by the Authority in the county (where the county is not in the jurisdiction of a groundwater conservation district). *Texas Rev. Civil Statutes, Article 8280-228, Section 19a.* 

To date, the Red River Authority of Texas (hereafter "Red River Authority") has not requested the approval of the Wilbarger County Commissioners for the proposed sale/transfer related to the Northside Water Supply Corporation ("Northside WSC"). As

such, to the extent the proposed transaction involves any groundwater rights, Wilbarger County objects to the same and asserts its rights under Section 19a until such time as the proposal can be fully reviewed by the Commissioners' Court of Wilbarger County and concerns, if any, be resolved between the parties, which resolution is reasonably anticipated.

III.

WHEREFORE, PREMISES CONSIDERED, WILBARGER COUNTY prays that its objections be sustained, that any approval by this Commission be withheld until such time as the Wilbarger County Commissioners' Court considers and approves the sale/transfer pursuant to Texas law, and for such other and further relief to which Wilbarger County may be entitled, either at law or in equity.

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 April 24, 2018, in accordance with 16 TAC § 22.74.

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