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**APPLICATION OF GUM ISLAND
UTILITY FOR AUTHORITY TO
CHANGE RATES**

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**COMMISSION STAFF'S RECOMMENDATION ON SUFFICIENCY OF REVISED
NOTICE**

COMES NOW the Staff (Staff) of the Public Utility Commission of Texas (Commission), representing the public interest, and files this Commission Staff's Recommendation and would show the following:

I. BACKGROUND

On May 3, 2018, Gum Island Utility Company (Gum Island) filed an application as "Whitewing" utility for a Class B rate change. On May 30, 2018, the administrative law judge (ALJ) issued Order No. 2, finding the application and notice deficient and suspending the effective date of the requested rate change in accordance with Texas Water Code (TWC) § 13.1871(e) and 16 Texas Administrative Code (TAC) § 24.26(b)(1).

On September 24, 2019, Gum Island filed a revised Notice of Proposed Rate Change with a revised effective date of November 1, 2019. On September 20, 2019, Gum Island filed an application for a sales, transfer, or merger (STM) (Docket No. 50038). On September 26, 2019, Staff filed a recommendation that the ALJ suspend the new effective date for 265 days pursuant to TWC § 13.1871(g) and 16 TAC § 24.33(a)(2).

On November 5, 2019, the ALJ issued Order No. 12, suspending the new effective date and requiring Staff to file an update on the status of the STM application and a recommendation on the further processing of this docket, including a procedural schedule, by January 24, 2020. Therefore, this pleading is timely filed.

II. STATUS UPDATE

Staff is currently working with Gum Island to obtain the necessary information to allow Staff to find the application administratively complete. Staff requested in its previous deficiency filings certain financial and mapping information that is required as part of the application. Gum Island has made supplemental filings in an attempt to satisfy Staff's requests, but additional

information is still needed. Staff will continue to work with Gum Island to acquire the necessary data in as expeditious manner as possible. Staff recommends that this docket continue to be abated while Staff and Gum Island work to process the STM application.

III. PROCEDURAL SCHEDULE

Staff recommends that this docket continue to be abated while Staff and Gum Island work to process the STM application. Consequently, Staff does not propose a procedural schedule at this time. Staff respectfully requests that it be allowed to file a status update on February 25, 2020 to provide time for Gum Island to submit the remaining data needed.

IV. CONCLUSION


Staff respectfully requests the issuance of an order consistent with the above recommendation.

Date: January 24, 2020

Respectfully Submitted,

**PUBLIC UTILITY COMMISSION OF
TEXAS LEGAL DIVISION**

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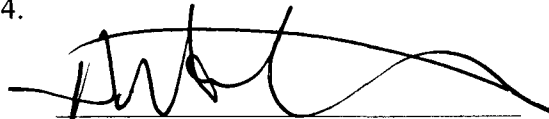


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