

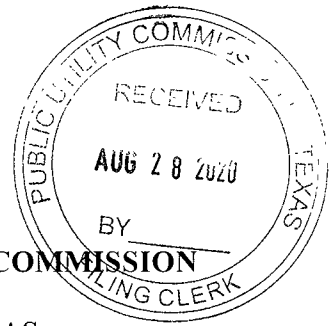


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**DOCKET NO. 48342**

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

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**PUBLIC UTILITY COMMISSION  
OF TEXAS**

**COMMISSION STAFF'S STATUS REPORT**

**COMES NOW** the Staff of the Public Utility Commission of Texas (Staff), representing the public interest, and files this Status Report 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 under Texas Water Code (TWC) §§ 13.1871 and 13.1872(c)(2). Order No. 6, issued August 8, 2018, found the application administratively complete, directed Gum Island to re-notice customers, and suspended the effective date of the proposed rate change for 265 days from the effective date included in the new notice to customers.

On September 20, 2019, Gum Island filed an application for a sale, transfer, or merger (STM).<sup>1</sup> On September 24, 2019, Gum Island filed a revised Notice of Proposed Rate Change with a proposed effective date of November 1, 2019. Order No. 12, issued November 5, 2019, suspended the new effective date until July 23, 2020, and established January 25, 2020, as the deadline for 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.

Staff filed a status report on June 29, 2020, requesting the continued abatement of this proceeding. Order No. 17, issued July 1, 2020, continued the abatement and directed staff to file a Status Report by August 28, 2020. Therefore, this pleading is timely filed.

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<sup>1</sup> *Application of Gum Island Utility and East Houston Utilities, Inc dba Krebs Utilities for a Sale, Transfer, Merger of Facilities and Certificate Rights in Liberty County, Docket No. 50038 (pending).*

## **II. STATUS REPORT**

Staff filed its Recommendation on Approval of the Transaction in Docket No. 50038 on May 27, 2020, and the parties filed an Agreed Motion to Admit Evidence and Proposed Order Approving the Transaction to Proceed on June 17, 2020. Order No. 8, issued July 9, 2020, approved the sale and transfer to proceed and gave the applicants 180 days to file documents evidencing that the transaction has been consummated and that any customer deposits have been addressed. Staff recommends continuing the abatement of the instant case for an additional 60 days to allow for the applicants in Docket No. 50038 to file the required proof that the transaction has been consummated and that any customer deposits have been addressed. Staff will file a Status Report on the progress of the STM on or before October 27, 2020.

## **III. CONCLUSION**

Staff respectfully requests the entry of an order continuing the abatement of this case and directing Staff to file a status report on or before October 27, 2020.

Dated: August 28, 2020

Respectfully Submitted,

**PUBLIC UTILITY COMMISSION OF TEXAS  
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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE**

I certify that, unless otherwise ordered by the presiding officer, notice of the filing of this document was provided to all parties of record via electronic mail on August 28, 2020, in accordance with the Order Suspending Rules, issued in Project No. 50664.

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