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**APPLICATION OF BAMMEL FOREST
UTILITY COMPANY AND QUADVEST,
L.P. FOR SALE, TRANSFER, OR
MERGER OF FACILITIES AND
CERTIFICATE RIGHTS IN HARRIS
COUNTY**

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**COMMISSION STAFF'S RECOMMENDATION ON THE CLOSING OF
THE TRANSACTION**

COMES NOW the Staff of the Public Utility Commission of Texas (Staff), representing the public interest and in response to Order No. 4, files this Recommendation on the Closing of the Transaction. In support thereof, Staff would show the following:

I. BACKGROUND

On July 18, 2018, Bammel Forest Utility Company (Bammel Forest) and Quadvest, L.P. (Quadvest) (collectively, Applicants) filed an application for sale, transfer or merger of facilities and certificate rights in Harris County, Texas. Specifically, Quadvest, Certificate of Convenience and Necessity (CCN) No. 11612, seeks approval to acquire all facilities and to transfer all of the water service area and cancel Bammel Forest's water CCN No. 11597.

On October 25, 2018, the Administrative Law Judge (ALJ) issued Order No. 4, approving the transaction to proceed and requiring Staff to file a recommendation within 15 days following the Applicants filing proof that the transaction has been consummated. The Applicants filed this proof on January 7, 2019. Therefore, this pleading is timely filed.

II. RECOMMENDATION ON SUFFICIENCY OF DOCUMENTATION

Staff has reviewed the proof of sale documentation and recommends that the documentation be deemed sufficient pursuant to 16 Texas Administrative Code (TAC) § 24.239(n), formerly 16 TAC § 24.109(n). The Applicants provided a bill of sale signed by both parties attesting to the closure of the sale and an affidavit regarding customer deposits. Staff has reviewed the bill of sale and the affidavit and recommends that the documents be deemed sufficient.

III. PROPOSED PROCEDURAL SCHEDULE

Staff proposes the following procedural schedule:

| Event | Date |
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| Deadline for Staff to provide final maps, certificates, and tariffs (if applicable), to Applicants for review and consent | February 7, 2019 |
| Deadline for Applicants to file signed consent forms with the Commission | February 21, 2019 |
| Deadline for parties to file joint proposed findings of fact and conclusions of law | February 28, 2019 |

IV. CONCLUSION

Staff respectfully recommends the entry of an order finding the closing documents sufficient.

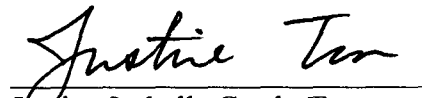
Date: January 22, 2019

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 January 22, 2019, in accordance with 16 TAC § 22.74.



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