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<b>APPLICATION OF COUNTRY LAKE</b>	<b>§</b>	<b>PUBLIC UTILITY COMMISSION</b>
<b>WATER SUPPLY AND STACY</b>	<b>§</b>	
<b>CRANFORD FOR SALE, TRANSFER,</b>	<b>§</b>	<b>OF TEXAS</b>
<b>OR MERGER OF FACILITIES AND</b>	<b>§</b>	
<b>CERTIFICATE RIGHTS IN PANOLA</b>	<b>§</b>	
<b>COUNTY</b>	<b>§</b>	

**COMMISSION STAFF'S RECOMMENDATION ON  
SUFFICIENCY OF CLOSING DOCUMENTS**

**COMES NOW** the Staff of the Public Utility Commission of Texas (Staff), representing the public interest, and in response to Order No. 5, files this Recommendation on Sufficiency of Closing Documents. Staff recommends that the closing documents be found deficient at this time. In support thereof, Staff shows the following:

**I. BACKGROUND**

On August 17, 2018, Country Lake Water Supply (Country Lake) and Stacy Crawford (collectively, Applicants), filed an application for sale, transfer, or merger of facilities and certificate rights Panola County. Specifically, Country Lake requests to transfer its water Certificate of Convenience and Necessity (CCN) number 12057 and facilities to Stacy Cranford. The requested area includes approximately 147 acres and 38 customers.

On November 5, 2019, the administrative law judge (ALJ) issued Order No. 12 requiring that Applicants to cure the deficiencies and submit additional closing documentation by December 3, 2019 and Staff to file a supplemental recommendation on sufficiency of closing documents and propose a procedural schedule for continued processing of the docket by January 10, 2020. Therefore, this pleading is timely filed.

**II. SUFFICIENCY OF CLOSING DOCUMENTS**

Staff has reviewed the closing documents filed by Applicants on October 16, 2019 and November 26, 2019. Based on its review, Staff has determined that, cumulatively, Applicants' filings meet the requirements of 16 Tex. Admin. Code (TAC) §§ 24.239(k)-(n). Therefore, Staff further recommends a finding that the customer deposits have been appropriately addressed and that the closing documents be found sufficient.

### **III. PROPOSED PROCEDURAL SCHEDULE**

In accordance with Staff's recommendation that Applicants' closing documentation be found sufficient, Staff proposes the following supplemental procedural schedule:

<b>Event</b>	<b>Date</b>
Deadline for Staff to provide final maps, certificates, and tariffs (if applicable) to Applicants for review and consent	February 10, 2020
Deadline for Applicants to file signed consent forms with the Commission	February 24, 2020
Deadline for parties to jointly file a proposed Notice of Approval, including proposed findings of fact, conclusions of law and ordering paragraphs	March 2, 2020

### **IV. CONCLUSION**

For the reasons detailed above, Staff respectfully requests that an order be issued finding that the closing documents filed by Applicants are sufficient and that customer deposits have been properly addressed. Staff further requests that the procedural schedule proposed above be adopted for continued processing of this docket.

**Dated:** January 10, 2020

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 10, 2020, in accordance with 16 TAC § 22.74.



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