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APPLICATION FOR TRANSFER OF \$ PUBLIC UTILITY COMMISSION CORIX UTILITIES (TEXAS), INC. \$ OF TEXAS

COMMISSION STAFF'S ADMINISTRATIVE COMPLETENESS RECOMMENDATION

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

I. BACKGROUND

On September 13, 2018, Corix Utilities (Texas), Inc. (Corix) filed notice of an internal stock transfer. Currently, Corix is 100% owned by Inland Pacific Resources, Inc. (Inland Pacific). As part of an internal restructuring, Inland Pacific will implement a two-step process to transfer 100% of the stock it holds in Corix to Utilities, Inc. First, Inland Pacific will transfer the entirety of its Corix stock to Corix Utilities (Illinois) LLC. Then, Corix Utilities (Illinois) LLC will transfer the entirety of the Corix stock to Utilities, Inc. Both Corix Utilities (Illinois), LLC and Utilities, Inc. are 100% owned by Inland Pacific. Corix states that the transaction puts all of the Corix group of companies' regulated utilities under the direction of Utilities, Inc.

On September 24, 2018, the Commission issued Order No. 1, requiring Staff to file a recommendation on the administrative completeness of the application, to propose a procedural schedule, and to address whether additional notice is necessary, by October 14, 2018. Therefore, this pleading is timely filed.

II. STAFF'S ADMINISTRATIVE COMPLETENESS RECOMMENDATION

As detailed in the attached memorandum by Leila Guerrero, Water Utility Regulation Division, Staff has reviewed Corix's application and recommends that the application be found administratively complete.

On September 24, 2018, notice regarding the transaction was published in the Texas Register. Staff recommends that additional notice is not required.

III. PROPOSED PROCEDURAL SCHEDULE

Texas Water Code (TWC) § 13.302 and 16 Texas Administrative Code (TAC) § 24.243 state that, unless the commission holds a public hearing, the purchase or acquisition may be completed as proposed at the end of the 60-day period. Staff requires additional information in order to file a final recommendation.

As such, Staff proposes the following procedural schedule:

Event	Date
Corix files additional information requested by Staff	October 19, 2018
Staff files final recommendation or requests a hearing	October 26, 2018
60 day deadline for approval of transaction or referral for a hearing	November 12, 2018

IV. CONCLUSION

Staff respectfully requests that the ALJ issue an order finding the application administratively complete, that additional notice is not required, and adopting the proposed procedural schedule.

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 October 15, 2018 in accordance with 16 TAC § 22.74.

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PUC Interoffice Memorandum

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Water Utility Regulation Division

From:

Leila Guerrero, Regulatory Accountant/Auditor

Water Utility Regulation Division

Date:

October 15, 2018

Subject:

Docket No. 48684: Application for Transfer of Corix Utilities (Texas), Inc. Stock

On September 13, 2018, Corix Utilities (Texas) Inc. (CUTX) filed notice of an internal stock transfer. Currently, CUTX is 100% owned by Inland Pacific Resources, Inc. (Inland Pacific). As part of an internal restructuring, Inland Pacific will implement a two-step process to transfer 100% of the stock it holds in CUTX to Utilities, Inc. First, Inland Pacific will transfer the entirety of its CUTX stock to Corix Utilities (Illinois) LLC. Then, Corix Utilities (Illinois) LLC will transfer the entirety of the CUTX stock to the ultimate holder, Utilities, Inc. Both Corix Utilities (Illinois), LLC and Utilities, Inc. are 100% owned by Inland Pacific. CUTX states the transaction puts all of the Corix group of companies regulated utilities under the direction of Utilities, Inc. This application was filed pursuant to Texas Water Code (TWC) § 13.302 and 16 Texas Administrative Code (TAC) § 24.111. The proposed transaction will have no impact on services provided to customers served by CUTX or the rates charged for those services.

Based on a review of the information in the application, Staff recommends that the application be deemed administratively complete.