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APPLICATION OF TIMBERLANE § PUBLIC UTILITY COMMISSION
WATER SYSTEM, INC. AND SIMPLY §
AQUATICS, INC. FOR SALE, § OF TEXAS
TRANSFER, OR MERGER OF §
FACILITIES AND CERTIFICATE §
RIGHTS IN SABINE COUNTY §
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COMMISSION STAFF'S RECOMMENDATION ON SUFFICIENCY OF NOTICE AND PROPOSED PROCEDURAL SCHEDULE

COMES NOW the Staff of the Public Utility Commission of Texas (Staff), representing the public interest, and in response to Order No. 6, files this Recommendation on Sufficiency of Notice and Proposed Procedural Schedule. In support thereof, Staff shows the following:

I. BACKGROUND

On February 15, 2019, Simply Aquatics, Inc. and the Timberlane Water System, Inc. (collectively, Applicants) filed an application for sale, transfer, or merger of facilities and certificate rights in Sabine County, Texas. Specifically, the Applicants seek to transfer Timberlane's facilities and service area under water Certificate of Convenience and Necessity (CCN) Number 12336 to Simply Aquatics.

On November 18, 2019, Order No. 6 was issued establishing a deadline of December 16, 2019, for Applicants to file proof of notice and directing Staff to file its recommendation on sufficiency of notice within ten (10) days of applicants filing proof of notice. Therefore, this pleading is timely filed.

II. SUFFICIENCY OF NOTICE

Staff has reviewed the notice documentation filed by Applicants on December 20, 2019 and finds it sufficient.

III. PROCEDURAL SCHEDULE

Staff proposes the following procedural schedule:

Event	Date
Notice Completed	December 5, 2019
Deadline for Intervention	January 5, 2020

Deadline for Staff to provide final maps, certificates, and tariffs (if applicable), to Applicants for review and consent	March 5, 2020
Deadline for Applicants to file signed consent forms with the Commission	March 19, 2020
If no hearing is requested, deadline for Staff to file a final recommendation on the application	March 26, 2020
If no hearing is requested, deadline for parties to file joint proposed findings of fact and conclusions of law	April 2, 2020

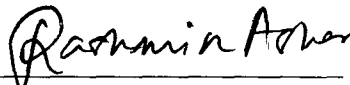
IV. CONCLUSION

For the reasons discussed above, Staff respectfully recommends that Applicant's notice be found sufficient and that the procedural schedule above be adopted.

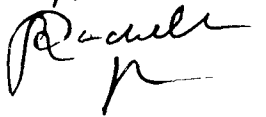
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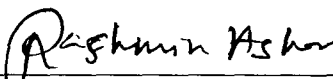
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