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**APPLICATION OF PONDER
ENTERPRISES, INC. DBA LONGHORN
COMPANY AND LONE STAR WATER
COMPANY FOR SALE, TRANSFER,
OR MERGER OF FACILITIES AND
CERTIFICATE RIGHTS IN DENTON
COUNTY**

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**ORDER NO. 1
REQUIRING COMMENTS ON ADMINISTRATIVE COMPLETENESS AND
PROPOSED NOTICE; AND ADDRESSING OTHER PROCEDURAL MATTERS**

I. Application

This Order addresses the February 15, 2019, application of Ponder Enterprises, Inc. d/b/a Longhorn Company and Lone Star Water Company (applicants) for approval of a sale, transfer, or merger of facilities and certificate rights in Denton County. The applicants seek to transfer all of Ponder's facilities and service area under water certificate of convenience and necessity number 12810 to Lone Star. The requested transfer includes approximately 414 acres and 332 current customers.

II. Applicant Information

On or before March 4, 2019, the applicants must file the following information and supporting documentation:

1. The legal name and all assumed names, if any, under which the applicants conduct business. If the applicants use an assumed name, provide a currently valid certificate of assumed name.
2. The form of business in Texas (*e.g.*, corporation, partnership, sole proprietorship). Charter or Authorization number, date business was formed, and date change was made (if applicable).
3. Legal name of parent company, if any, and a description of its primary business interests and the name of any companies affiliated with the applicant with which it does any business. Provide the state and date in which the parent company is

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registered. *(The Commission requires registration with the Secretary of State for all forms of business, except sole proprietorships.)*

III. Requiring Comments on the Administrative Completeness of the Application and Proposed Notice

On or before March 18, 2019, Commission Staff must file comments on the administrative completeness of the application and proposed notice. By March 18, 2019, the applicants and Commission Staff must file a recommendation regarding how to proceed with the application and propose a procedural schedule.

IV. Filings

Unless otherwise specified, an original and ten copies of documents relating to this proceeding must be filed with the Commission's filing clerk in accordance with 16 Texas Administration Code (TAC) § 22.71. A copy of each document filed with the Commission must also be served on all parties as required by 16 TAC § 22.74. Filings can be accessed on the PUC Interchange webpage at, <http://interchange.puc.texas.gov>.

All parties are required provide their current addresses, telephone and fax numbers, if available, to all other parties and the Commission by filing and serving all parties with such information. Each party must provide the Commission and all parties with updated address, telephone, and fax information if such information changes. The telephone and fax numbers will be placed on the service list for this proceeding. Parties are responsible for updating their own service lists to reflect changed information and the addition of any other parties.

V. Ex Parte Communications

Ex parte communications with the administrative law judge (ALJ) are prohibited under 16 TAC § 22.3(b)(2). Parties must communicate with the ALJ only through written documents filed with the Commission's filing clerk and served on all parties. Questions concerning this Order or any other order must be submitted in writing, filed with the Commission, and served on all parties of record.

Signed at Austin, Texas the 20th day of February 2019.

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**CHRISTOPHER OAKLEY
ADMINISTRATIVE LAW JUDGE**

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