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| APPLICATION OF NI AMERICA | § | PUBLIC UTILITY COMMISSION |
| TEXAS, LLC AND MONARCH | § | |
| UTILITIES I L.P. FOR SALE, | § | OF TEXAS |
| TRANSFER, OR MERGER OF | § | |
| FACILITIES AND CERTIFICATE | § | |
| RIGHTS IN JOHNSON AND WISE | § | |
| COUNTIES | § | |

COMMISSION STAFF’S REQUEST FOR EXTENSION

COMES NOW the Staff (Staff) of the Public Utility Commission of Texas (Commission), representing the public interest, and files this Request for Extension. In support, Staff shows the following:

I. BACKGROUND

On June 21, 2019, Ni America Texas, LLC (Ni) and Monarch Utilities I L.P. (Monarch) (collectively, Applicants) filed an application for approval of the sale, transfer, or merger (STM) of facilities and certificate and convenience and necessity (CCN) rights in Johnson and Wise Counties pursuant to Texas Water Code § 13.301 and 16 Texas Administrative Code (TAC) § 24.239. The STM is for the purpose of consolidation. Specifically, the Applicants seek approval for the transfer of water facilities and water service area under CCN No. 11922, the cancellation of Ni’s CCN No. 11922, and the amendment of Monarch’s water CCN No. 12983 to include the area currently under CCN No. 11922. SouthWest Water Company (SouthWest Water) is the parent company of both Monarch and Ni and currently provides operations and customer service to both utilities via the Texas Utilities Group of SouthWest Water. The requested transfer area includes approximately 5,225 acres and 1,166 current customers.

On September 16, 2020, the administrative law judge (ALJ) issued Order No. 13, which established a deadline of October 2, 2020 for the parties to jointly file a proposed notice of approval. Therefore, this pleading is timely filed.

II. REQUEST FOR EXTENSION

Pursuant to 16 TAC § 22.4(b), Staff may request that the time allowed for filing any documents be extended for good cause. Staff is working with the Applicants to draft a proposed notice of approval and requests an extension of time to finalize that draft.

III. CONCLUSION

For the reasons discussed above, Staff respectfully requests that the ALJ extend the deadline to file a proposed notice of approval to October 15, 2020.

Dated: October 1, 2020

Respectfully submitted,

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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I certify that, unless otherwise ordered by the presiding officer, notice of the filing of this document was provided to all parties of record on October 1, 2020 in accordance with the Order Suspending Rules, issued in Project No. 50664.

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