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### APPLICATION OF TRI TRY WATER SUPPLY CORPORATION TO OBTAIN A WATER CERTIFICATE OF CONVENIENCE AND NECESSITY IN STONEWALL COUNTY

## PUBLIC UTILITY COMMISSION

**OF TEXAS** 

#### COMMISSION STAFF'S AMENDED RECOMMENDATION ON FINAL DISPOSITION OF THE APPLICATION

**COMES NOW** the Staff (Staff) of the Public Utility Commission of Texas (Commission), representing the public interest, and files this Commission Staff's Amended Recommendation on Final Disposition of the Application. Staff recommends that the application be approved. In support thereof, Staff would show the following:

#### I. BACKGROUND

On September 23, 2019, Tri Try Water Supply Corporation (Tri Try WSC) filed an application to obtain a water certificate of convenience and necessity (CCN) in Stonewall County under Texas Water Code (TWC) §§ 13.242 to 13.250 and 16 Texas Administrative Code (TAC) §§ 24.225 to 24.237. Tri Try WSC's initial application requested a service area containing approximately 21,171 acres of sparsely populated agricultural farmland and 64 existing customers, a requested area which Tri Try WSC has been providing water service to since 1999. On June 18, 2020, the acreage of the requested area was reduced to approximately 19,260 acres and 64 existing customers. On September 3, 2020, Tri Try WSC filed signed consent forms concurring with the final map and certificate provided for review by Staff.

On September 11, 2020, Staff filed a recommendation on final disposition in accordance with the procedural schedule detailed in Order No. 8, issued August 19, 2020. Staff now files this amended recommendation to correct a misstatement in the memorandum attached to Staff's September 11, 2020 recommendation.

#### II. STAFF'S AMENDED RECOMMENDATION

The memorandum attached to Staff's September 11, 2020 final recommendation from Patricia Garcia, Infrastructure Division, recommended that Tri Try WSC "file a rate application with the Commission within 18 months from the date service begins pursuant to 16 TAC § 24.25(b)(1)(C)." Because Tri Try WSC is a water supply corporation, it is not governed by 16 TAC § 24.25(b)(1)(C). Accordingly, for purposes of clarity, Staff has attached an amended memorandum from Ms. Garcia to this pleading to correct the misstatement. Staff notes that the error does not materially change Staff's recommendation on the application. Accordingly, Staff recommends that the application be approved.

#### **III. CONCLUSION**

Staff recommends that Tri Try WSC's application be approved. Staff respectfully requests that an order be issued consistent with the foregoing recommendations.

Dated: September 17, 2020

Respectfully submitted,

# PUBLIC UTILITY COMMISSION OF TEXAS LEGAL DIVISION

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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 via electronic mail on September 17, 2020, in accordance with the Order Suspending Rules, issued in Project No. 50664.

/s/Courtney Dean Courtney N. Dean