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## **DOCKET NO. 50117**

APPLICATION OF HILL COUNTRY \$ PUBLIC UTILITY COMMISSION
UTILITIES, LLC FOR APPROVAL OF \$
CHANGE IN OWNERSHIP UNDER \$
TWC § 13.302

## ORDER NO. 1 REQUIRING COMMISSION STAFF'S RECOMMENDATION AND ENTERING PROTECTIVE ORDER

This Order addresses Hill Country Utilities, LLC's application filed on October 21, 2019, for approval of the transfer of membership interest under Texas Water Code (TWC) § 13.302 and 16 Texas Administrative Code (TAC) § 24.243. Hill Country provides water service to customers in Bandera County through the Cielo Rio water system under certificate of convenience and necessity (CCN) number 13112. Hill Country also holds sewer CCN number 21002.

Under 16 TAC § 24.243(a), a utility may not purchase voting stock, and a person may not acquire a controlling interest, in a utility doing business in this state unless the utility or person files a written application with the commission no later than the 61st day before the date on which the transaction is to occur. The 60th day is December 20, 2019.

In accordance with 16 TAC § 24.243(e), unless the Commission requires that a public hearing be held, the purchase or acquisition may be completed as proposed: (1) at the end of the 60-day period; or (2) at any time after the Commission notifies the person or utility that a hearing will not be requested.

The standard protective order attached to this Order is adopted and governs the use of confidential materials in this docket

No later than November 21, 2019, Commission Staff must file a recommendation on the administrative completeness of the application and notice, and propose a procedural schedule for continued processing.

Signed at Austin, Texas the 2 day of October 2019.

**PUBLIC UTILITY COMMISSION OF TEXAS** 

MAYSON PEARSON

ADMINISTRATIVE LAW JUDGE

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