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APPLICATION OF MADERA VALLEY WATER SUPPLY CORPORATION AND THE TOWN OF PECOS CITY FOR SALE, TRANSFER, OR MERGER OF WATER FACILITIES AND CERTIFICATE RIGHTS IN REEVES COUNTY PUBLIC UTILITY COMMISSION

OF TEXAS

ORDER NO. 15 VOIDING APPROVAL OF TRANSACTION, AND ORDERING PROCEDUAL SCHEDULE

This Order addresses the application of Madera Valley Water Supply Corporation and the Town of Pecos City for approval of the sale, transfer, or merger of facilities and certificate of convenience and necessity (CCN) rights in Reeves County.

In Order No. 7, filed April 14, 2020, the administrative law judge (ALJ) approved the transaction to proceed. This order stated that the parties had 180 days, in which to close the transaction or request an extension. The applicants' deadline to complete the transaction or request extension was October 11, 2020. On July 27, 2021, Madera Valley requested an extension of time to complete this transaction. This request was not timely filed, as it was filed after expiration of the 180-day deadline. The request is therefore denied.

Under 16 Texas Administrative Code (TAC) § 24.239(m), the transaction must be completed within 180 days from the date of approval, unless the Commission in writing extends the time period for good cause shown. No extension was timely requested or granted. Because the 180-day deadline has passed, Order 7, the Commission's approval of the transaction, is now void.

The ALJ proposes to re-evaluate the application without need for the applicants to restart the application process. In order to do so, the applicants must update the application to reflect the current situation by December 22, 2021. Commission Staff must file an updated recommendation on the sale by January 21, 2022. All filings will continue in this docket.

Signed at Austin, Texas the 23rd day of November 2021.

PUBLIC UTILITY COMMISSION OF TEXAS

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GREGORY R. SIEMANKOWSKI ADMINISTRATIVE LAW JUDGE