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**APPLICATION OF JRM WATER LLC §
AND CSWR-TEXAS UTILITY §
OPERATING COMPANY, LLC FOR §
SALE, TRANSFER, OR MERGER OF §
FACILITIES AND CERTIFICATE §
RIGHTS IN VICTORIA COUNTY §**

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**COMMISSION STAFF’S RECOMMENDATION ON
SUFFICIENCY OF NOTICE AND PROPOSED PROCEDURAL SCHEDULE**

COMES NOW the Commission Staff (Staff) of the Public Utility Commission of Texas (Commission), representing the public interest, and files this Recommendation of Sufficiency of Notice and Proposed Procedural Schedule. In support thereof, Staff shows the following:

I. BACKGROUND

On November 18, 2019, CSWR-Texas Utility Operating Company (CSWR or Purchaser) and JRM Water LLC (JRM or Seller) (collectively, Applicants) filed an application for Sale, Transfer, or Merger (STM) of facilities and certificate rights in Victoria County, Texas, under Texas Water Code § 13.301 and the 16 Tex. Admin. Code (TAC) § 24.239. Specifically, the Purchaser seeks approval to acquire facilities, transfer water service area, obtain a new water Certificate of Convenience and Necessity (CCN) and cancel JRM’s Water CCN No. 11548.

On February 4, 2020, Order No. 3 was issued, establishing a deadline of March 26, 2020 for Staff to file a recommendation on the sufficiency of notice and to propose a procedural schedule for further processing of the application. Therefore, this pleading is timely filed.

II. NOTICE

Staff has reviewed the notice documentation filed by CSWR on February 21, 2020. CSWR filed an Affidavit of Notice to Current Customers, Neighboring Utilities and Affected Parties indicating that notice of application was mailed to the entities listed on the affidavits on February 6, 2020.

Following its review of the notice of application filings, Staff recommends that CSWR’s notice be deemed sufficient.

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III. PROCEDURAL SCHEDULE

In accordance with Staff's recommendation that Applicants' notice be found sufficient, Staff proposes the following procedural schedule:

Event	Date
Notice completed	February 6, 2020
Deadline for intervention	March 9, 2020 ¹
Deadline for Staff to request a hearing or file a recommendation on the approval of the sale	April 9, 2020
Deadline for parties to file a response to Staff's recommendation	May 8, 2020
120 day deadline for the Commission to approve the sale or require a hearing	June 5, 2020 ²

IV. CONCLUSION

For the reasons discussed above, Staff respectfully recommends that the Applicants' proof of notice be found sufficient and that the procedural schedule proposed above be adopted.

¹ Pursuant to 16 TAC § 24.239(b), the intervention period shall not be less than thirty (30) days unless good cause is shown. Notice was mailed on February 6, 2020. Therefore, thirty (30) days after February 6, 2020 is Saturday, March 7, 2020. Since the Commission is closed on March 7, 2020, the period runs until the end of the next day on which the Commission is open for business, Monday, March 9, 2020.

² Pursuant to 16 TAC § 24.239(a) and (j), the deadline for Commission action is one hundred twenty (120) days after the mailing or publication of notice, whichever occurs later. One hundred and twenty days after February 6, 2020 is Friday, June 5, 2020.

Dated: March 6, 2020

Respectfully submitted,

**PUBLIC UTILITY COMMISSION OF TEXAS
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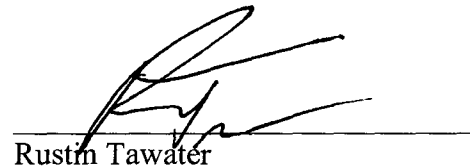


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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I certify that a copy of this document will be served on all parties of record on March 6, 2020, in accordance with 16 TAC § 22.74.



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