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**APPLICATION OF SWWC §
UTILITIES, INC. DBA WATER §
SERVICES, INC. AND MONARCH §
UTILITIES I, L.P. FOR SALE, §
TRANSFER, OR MERGER OF §
FACILITIES AND CERTIFICATE §
RIGHTS IN BANDERA, BEXAR, §
COMAL, GILLESPIE, GUADALUPE, §
HAYS, KENDALL, KERR, AND §
MEDINA COUNTIES §**

**COMMISSION STAFF'S RECOMMENDATION ON SUFFICIENCY
OF THE CLOSING DOCUMENTS**

On December 5, 2019, SWWC Utilities, Inc. d/b/a Water Services, Inc. (SWWC) and Monarch Utilities I, L.P. (Monarch) (collectively, Applicants) filed an application with the Public Utility Commission of Texas (Commission) for approval of the sale, transfer, or merger of facilities and certificate rights in in Bandera, Bexar, Comal, Gillespie, Guadalupe, Hays, Kendall, Kerr, and Medina Counties. On January 25, 2021 and January 27, 2021, the Applicants filed proof of closing documents.

On November 4, 2020, Order No. 9 in this proceeding was filed, requiring Commission Staff (Staff) to file a recommendation on the sufficiency of the closing documents within 15 days after the date that proof of closing is filed. Fifteen days after January 25, 2021 is February 9, 2021. Therefore, this pleading is timely filed.

I. RECOMMENDATION ON THE TRANSACTION

Staff has reviewed the Applicants' proof of closing and recommends that the closing documents satisfy the requirements under 16 Texas Administrative Code (TAC) § 24.239(l). Specifically, the closing documents include a proper bill of sale and indicate that all customer deposits were transferred to Monarch as part of the transaction. Therefore, Staff recommends that the closing documents be found sufficient.

II. PROPOSED PROCEDURAL SCHEDULE

Staff recommends that the Applicants' closing documents be found sufficient. Therefore, Staff proposes the following procedural schedule:

Event	Date
Deadline for Staff to provide final maps, certificates, and tariffs (if applicable) to Applicants for review and consent	February 25, 2021
Deadline for Applicants to file signed consent forms with the Commission	March 11, 2021
Deadline for parties to file joint proposed findings of fact and conclusions of law	March 25, 2021

III. CONCLUSION

Staff recommends that the Applicants' closing documents be found sufficient and that the above-proposed procedural schedule be adopted. Staff respectfully requests that an order be issued consistent with the foregoing recommendations.

Dated: February 9, 2021

Respectfully submitted,

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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 February 9, 2021, in accordance with the Order Suspending Rules, issued in Project No. 50664.

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