

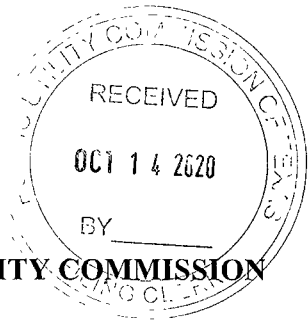


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**APPLICATION OF MONARCH
UTILITIES 1, L.P. AND GOINS
UTILITY SERVICE LLC FOR SALE,
TRANSFER, OR MERGER OF
FACILITIES AND UNCERTIFICATED
AREA OF POLK COUNTY** §
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**PUBLIC UTILITY COMMISSION
OF TEXAS**

COMMISSION STAFF’S REQUEST FOR EXTENSION

COMES NOW the Staff of the Public Utility Commission of Texas (Staff), representing the public interest, and files this Request for Extension. In support thereof, Staff shows the following:

I. BACKGROUND

On January 8, 2020, Monarch Utilities 1, L.P. (Monarch) and Goins Utility Service LLC (Goins) (collectively, Applicants) filed an application for approval of the sale, transfer, or merger of facilities and uncertificated area in Polk County. Monarch seeks to purchase all the water and wastewater assets of Goins. The requested sale and transfer includes 36 connections and approximately 17 total acres for the requested water service area and approximately 24 total acres for the requested sewer service area. The Applicants filed supplemental information to their application on March 10, 2020, April 7, 2020, and on April 27, 2020.

On July 7, 2020, the Commission administrative law judge (ALJ) issued Order No. 5, finding the application administratively complete and directing the Applicants to provide proof of notice by July 31, 2020. On August 6, 2020, the ALJ issued Order No. 6, granting Monarch’s request for extension to file proof of notice and extending the deadline to August 7, 2020.

On September 2, 2020, the ALJ issued Order No. 7, finding the notice sufficient. On October 2, 2020, the ALJ issued Order No. 8, requiring Staff to request a hearing or file a recommendation on the approval of the sale and CCN amendment by October 15, 2020. Therefore, this pleading is timely filed.

II. REQUEST FOR EXTENSION

Pursuant to 16 Texas Administrative Code (TAC) § 22.4(b), Staff may request that the time allowed for filing any documents be extended for good cause. Staff requires additional time to

review the application, the amendments to the application, and the responses to Staff's discovery requests to make a recommendation regarding the approval of the sale and CCN amendment. As such, Staff requests that its deadline to file a recommendation on the approval of the sale and CCN amendment or to request a hearing be extended to November 5, 2020.

IV. REVISED PROPOSED PROCEDURAL SCHEDULE

Staff recommends the procedural schedule be amended consistent with its Request for Extension:

Event	Date
Deadline for intervention	September 1, 2020
Deadline for Staff to request a hearing or file a recommendation on the approval of the sale and on the CCN amendment	November 5, 2020
Deadline for applicants to file a response to Staff's recommendation on the approval of the sale	November 13, 2020
Deadline for parties to file a joint motion to admit evidence and proposed order approving sale and allowing transaction to proceed.	November 23, 2020
120-day deadline for the Commission to approve the sale or require a hearing	November 30, 2020

V. CONCLUSION

Staff respectfully requests the issuance of an order granting Staff's request for extension and adopting the revised proposed procedural schedule above.

Dated: October 14, 2020

Respectfully submitted,

**PUBLIC UTILITY COMMISSION OF TEXAS
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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 October 14, 2020, in accordance with the Order Suspending Rules, issued in Project No. 50664.

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