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APPLICATION OF MONARCH UTILITIES I L.P. AND GOINS UTILITY SERVICE LLC FOR SALE, TRANSFER, OR MERGER OF FACILITIES AND UNCERTIFICATED AREA IN POLK COUNTY

PUBLIC UTILITY COMMISSION

OF TEXAS

JOINT REQUEST FOR EXTENSION OF THE DEADLINE TO RESPOND TO ORDER NO. 24

On January 8, 2020, Monarch Utilities I 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, along with Public Utility Commission (Commission) Staff (collectively Parties), timely filed the required joint motion to admit evidence and proposed notice of approval on October 8, 2021, which was subsequently amended and refiled on October 15, 2021 to include certain missing attachments.

On October 20, 2021, the administrative law judge (ALJ) issued Order No. 24, which set a deadline of November 17, 2021 for the parties to present arguments as to why Lake Livingston Water Supply and Sewer Service (Lake Livingston) need not be a party to this proceeding, and provide supplemental evidence and an amended Notice of Approval (NOA) or amend the application to remove the request to decertify a portion of Lake Livingston's service area.

I. JOINT REQUEST FOR EXTENSION

Under 16 Texas Administrative Code (TAC) § 22.4(b), parties may request that the time allowed for filing any documents be extended for good cause. The Parties require additional time to finalize a joint response to Order No. 24, and ensure a full and complete filing responsive to the

ALJ's concerns. Therefore, the Parties respectfully request that the deadline to file a response to

Order No. 24 be extended until December 1, 2021. This request is not intended for the purpose of

unnecessary delay, and has not been caused by neglect, indifference, or lack of diligence.

II. CONCLUSION

The Parties respectfully request the issuance of an order granting this request and extending

the deadline to jointly file a response to Order No. 24 to December 1, 2021.

Respectfully submitted,

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I hereby 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 November 16, 2021, in accordance with the Order Suspending Rules issued in Project No. 50664.

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