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APPLICATION OF CRYSTAL CLEAR SPECIAL UTILITY DISTRICT AND CITY OF SAN MARCOS FOR SALE, TRANSFER, OR MERGER OF FACILITIES AND CERTIFICATE RIGHTS IN HAYS COUNTY

50480 PUBLIC UTILITY COMMESSION OF TEXAS

COMMISSION STAFF'S RECOMMENDATION ON SUFFICIENCY OF NOTICE

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

I. BACKGROUND

On January 23, 2020, Crystal Clear Special Utility District (Crystal Clear SUD) and the City of San Marcos (San Marcos) (collectively, "Applicants") filed an application for sale, transfer, or merger of facilities and certificate of convenience and necessity (CCN) rights in Hays County. Crystal Clear SUD seeks to transfer its water service area held under CCN No. 10297 to San Marcos. The requested sale and transfer includes approximately 575 acres and 489 connections. Applicants filed supplemental information on March 20, 2020.

On June 15, 2020, Order No. 6 was issued establishing a deadline of July 13, 2020, for Staff to file a recommendation on sufficiency of notice. Therefore, this pleading is timely filed.

II. NOTICE

Staff has reviewed the notice documentation filed by the Applicants on June 30, 2020. The Applicants filed an Affidavit of Notice to Current Customers, Neighboring Utilities, and Affected Parties indicating that notice of the application was mailed to the entities listed on the affidavits on June 25, 2020. Further, notice was published in a newspaper of general circulation, the San Marcos Daily Record, for two weeks on June 19, 2020 and June 26, 2020. Following a review of the notice of application filings, Staff recommends that the Applicant's notice be deemed sufficient.

III. PROCEDURAL SCHEDULE

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

Event	Date
Notice complete	June 26, 2020
Deadline for intervention	July 27, 2020 ¹
Deadline for Staff to request a hearing or file a recommendation on the approval of the sale.	August 28, 2020
Deadline for parties to file a response to Staff's recommendation	September 12, 2020
120-day deadline for the Commission to approve the sale or request a hearing	October 24, 2020 ²

IV. CONCLUSION

For the reasons discussed above, Staff respectfully recommends that 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 completed on June 26, 2020 Therefore, thirty (30) days after June 26, 2020 is Sunday, July 26, 2020. The Commission is not open on Sunday, July 26, 2020 and so the next working day the Commission is open is Monday, July 27, 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 June 26, 2020 is Saturday, October 24, 2020.

Dated: July 13, 2020

Respectfully submitted,

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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 July 13, 2020, in accordance with the Order Suspending Rules, issued in Project No. 50664.

/s/ Robert Dakota Parish____ Robert Dakota Parish