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APPLICATION OF CHAMPS WATER §  
COMPANY AND MIDWAY WATER §  
UTILITIES, INC. FOR SALE, §  
TRANSFER, OR MERGER OF §  
FACILITIES AND CERTIFICATE §  
RIGHTS IN HARRIS AND §  
MONTGOMERY COUNTIES §

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**JOINT RESPONSE TO ORDER NO. 8**

COMES NOW the Staff (Staff) of the Public Utility Commission of Texas (Commission), Champs Water Company (Champs), and Midway Water Utilities, Inc. (Midway) (collectively, Parties), and in response to Order No. 8, file this Joint Response to Order No. 8. In support thereof, the Parties show the following:

**I. BACKGROUND**

On June 1, 2020, Champs Water Company (Champs) and Midway Water Utilities, Inc. (Midway) (collectively, Applicants) filed an application for approval of the sale, transfer, or merger of facilities and certificate rights in Harris and Montgomery Counties. Midway seeks approval to acquire facilities and to transfer all of Champs' water and sewer service area under Certificates of Convenience and Necessity (CCN) Nos. 10972 and 20385, respectively. On August 3, 4, 10, and 18, 2020, Applicants filed supplements to the application.

On December 16, 2020, the administrative law judge (ALJ) filed Order No. 8, establishing a deadline of December 22, 2020 for the Parties to jointly confirm whether the City of Houston agrees to the joint proposed notice of approval filed on December 15, 2020. Therefore, this pleading is timely filed.

**II. JOINT STATEMENT**

On December 18, 2020, Staff consulted with YuShan Chang, counsel for City of Houston, who indicated that City of Houston is in agreement with the joint proposed notice of approval filed on December 15, 2020. Accordingly, the Parties respectfully request that the ALJ issue an Order Approving the Sale and Transfer to Proceed.

### III. CONCLUSION

Based on the foregoing, the Parties respectfully request that an order be issued approving the sale and transfer to proceed.

Dated: December 22, 2020

Respectfully submitted,

**PUBLIC UTILITY COMMISSION OF TEXAS  
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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 December 22, 2020, in accordance with the Order Suspending Rules, issued in Project No. 50664.

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