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APPLICATION OF NERRO SUPPLY, LLC AND UNDINE TEXAS ENVIRONMENTAL, LLC FOR SALE, TRANSFER OR MERGER OF FACILITIES AND CERTIFICATE RIGHTS IN CHAMBERS AND HARRIS COUNTIES

PUBLIC UTILITY COMMISSION

OF TEXAS

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APPLICANTS' RESPONSE TO ORDER NO. 2

TO THE HONORABLE ADMINISTRATIVE LAW JUDGE:

Undine Texas Environmental, LLC ("Undine") and Nerro Supply, LLC ("Nerro") file this Response to Order No. 2. In support thereof, Applicants state the following:

I. BACKGROUND

On June 19, 2020, Undine and Nerro filed with the Public Utility Commission of Texas ("Commission") an application for sale, transfer or merger of facilities and certificate rights in Chambers and Harris Counties. On July 6, 2020, Undine and Nerro filed Applicants' First Amendment to Application. On July 20, 2020, Commission Staff filed its Recommendation of Administrative Completeness and Proposed Notice. On July 23, 2020, the Administrative Law Judge ("ALJ") issued Order No. 2, finding the application deficient and not administratively complete and directing Applicants to amend the application to cure the deficiencies noted by Commission Staff on or before August 19, 2020. Accordingly, this response is timely filed.

II. Supplemental Application Information Provided

In response to Order No. 2, Undine and Nerro hereby file the following information:

Deficiency – Application Content

- 1. Staff recommends that the Applicants provide the following:
 - a. Pages 9 and 10 of the application for each of the wastewater facilities being transferred in this application with responses for each of the questions asked. Additional pages were provided; however, those pages appear to only include

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information about one of the systems, and not all of the questions were answered on these pages.

- b. From Nerro Supply, LLC's records, a detailed inventory listing each of the assets for each system to be transferred including the following:
 - i. Date placed in service,
 - ii. Original cost each asset, and
 - iii. Accumulated depreciation associated with each asset.
- c. Proof that Nerro's Annual Report has been filed with the Commission.

<u>RESPONSE</u>:

- 1.a. See Attachment 1A.
- 1.b. See Attachment 1B (Confidential).
- 1.c. See Attachment 1C (Confidential).
- 2. Based on the mapping documentation submitted, Undine is seeking to decertify a portion of Gulf Coast's sewer CCN No. 20465. Staff recommends that Undine provide an agreement or other proof that Gulf Coast has consented to the decertification of this area. If Undine has not obtained Gulf Coast's consent, please provide information per 16 TAC § 24.245(d) to demonstrate why the area should be decertified from the current CCN holder.

RESPONSE:

See Attachment 2.

3. A portion of the requested area overlaps a portion of the City of Old Win-free. Staff recommends that Undine provide an agreement or other proof that the City has consented to this overlap or adjust the mapping to remove this overlap.

RESPONSE:

See Attachment 3.

Respectfully submitted,

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Attorneys for Undine Texas Environmental, LLC

CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I certify by my signature above that a true and correct copy of the foregoing document was served by email on this the 19th day of August, 2020, to:

Merritt Lander Public Utility Commission of Texas Legal Division 1701 N. Congress Avenue P. O. Box 13326 Austin, Texas 78711-3326 merritt.lander@puc.texas.gov

ATTACHMENT 1A

APPLICATION PAGES 9 AND 10

Part F: TCEQ Public Water System or Sewer (Wastewater) Information										
Complete Part F for <u>EACH</u> Public Water or Sewer system to be transferred subject to approval of the transaction. Attach a separate sheet with this information if you need more space for additional systems being transferred.										
22.	А.	For Public Water System	(PWS):							
		Т	CEQ PWS Iden	ntification Number:			(7 digit ID)			
		Date of	last TCEQ com							
	B.	For Sewer service:								
		TCEQ Water Quality	v (WO) Dischar	wo 0	011720-001	(8 digit ID)				
						water Treatment Facility				
				Name of Permitee:	Nerro Supply, LLC					
		Date of	last TCFO con	npliance inspection:	1/31/2		(attach TCEQ letter)			
		Dute of		Subdivisions served:						
		Date of application to t			···· _ · · · ·					
23.	List	the number of <i>existing</i> cont	nections, by me	ter/connection type,	to be af	fected by the propose	d transaction:			
	Wat		l an		Sewer					
		Non-metered	2"		222	Residential				
		5/8" or 3/4"	4"			Commercial				
		1 1 ½"	Othe			Other				
	Total Water Connections:					Total Sewer Connections: 222				
24.	 A. Are any improvements required to meet TCEQ or Commission standards? No Yes B. Provide details on each required major capital improvement necessary to correct deficiencies to meet the TCEQ or Commission standards (attach any engineering reports or TCEQ approval letters): 									
	[Description of the C	nital Improve	ment: F	stimated Completion Date:		Estimated Cost:			
		Description of the Capital Improvement:				Completion Date.	Estimated Cost.			
C. Is there a moratorium on new connections?										
25. Does the system being transferred operate within the corporate boundaries of a municipality?										
		No No	Yes:	Old Rive	er vvir	-free	(name of municipality)			
			-	indicate the number Water:		Sewer: 222	icipal boundary.			

26.	А.	Does the system being transferred purchase water or sewer treatment capacity from another source?									
		No Yes:	No Yes: If yes, attach a copy of purchase agreement or contract.								
	Capacity is purchased from:										
		V	Water:								
		S	Sewer:								
	В.	Is the PWS required to pu	Is the PWS required to purchase water to meet capacity requirements or drinking water standards?								
	C.	What is the amount of water supply or sewer treatment purchased, per the agreement or contract? What is the percent of overall demand supplied by purchased water or sewer treatment (if any)?									
			Amoun	it in Gallons	Percent of demand						
		Water: Sewer:			0.00%	_					
		L 1									
	D. Will the purchase agreement or contract be transferred to the Transferee?										
	No Yes:										
27.	 Does the PWS or sewer treatment plant have adequate capacity to meet the current and projected demands in the requested area? No Yes: 										
28.		List the name, class, and TCEQ license number of the operator that will be responsible for the operations of the water or sewer utility service:									
		Name (as it appears on license)	Class	License No.	Water	or Sewer					
		Part G: Mapping & Affidavits									
<u>ALL</u> applications require mapping information to be filed in conjunction with the STM application. Read question 29 A and B to determine what information is required for your application.											
29.	А.										
			i. If the application requests to transfer certificated service areas for both water and sewer, separate maps must be provided for each.								
		ii. A hand drawn map, graphic, or diagram of the requested area is not considered an acceptable mapping document.									

Part F: TCEQ Public Water System or Sewer (Wastewater) Information									
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		TCEQ PWS Identification Number:						(7 digit ID)	
		Date of 1	ast TCE	Q compliance inspecti				(attach TCEQ letter)	
	B.	For Sewer service:			_				
		TCEQ Water Quality	(WQ) E	Discharge Permit Numb	ber:	wQ 0	012342-001	(8 dıgıt ID)	
	Name of Wastewater Facility:						Maple Leaf Gardens Wastewater Treatment Facility		
				Name of Permit	tee:	Nerro Supply, LLC			
		Date of 1	ast TCE	Q compliance inspecti	ion:	2/29/2	2020	(attach TCEQ letter)	
							e Leaf Gardens		
		Date of application to tra	ansfer p		-				
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		Non-metered	-	2"		137	Residential		
		5/8" or 3/4"		3"			Commercial		
		-					Industrial Other		
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			cuons.					50.5. 137	
24.	 A. Are any improvements required to meet TCEQ or Commission standards? No Yes B. Provide details on each required major capital improvement necessary to correct deficiencies to meet the TCEQ or Commission standards (attach any engineering reports or TCEQ approval letters): 								
		Description of the Ca	oital Im	provement:	Est	imated	Completion Date:	Estimated Cost:	
	C. Is there a moratorium on new connections?								
25.	5. Does the system being transferred operate within the corporate boundaries of a municipality?								
		No Y	es:	····				(name of municipality)	
	If yes, indicate the number of customers within the municipal boundary.								
	Water: Sewer:								

26.	A.	A. Does the system being transferred purchase water or sewer treatment capacity from another source?									
		No Yes: If yes, attach a copy of purchase agreement or contract.									
	Capacity is purchased from:										
			Water:								
		5	Sewer:								
	B.	Is the PWS required to pu	Is the PWS required to purchase water to meet capacity requirements or drinking water standards?								
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	C. What is the amount of water supply or sewer treatment purchased, per the agreement or contract? What is										
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			Amoun	t in Gallons	Percent of demand						
		Water: Sewer:			0.00%						
	D. Will the purchase agreement or contract be transferred to the Transferee?										
		No Yes:									
27.	Does the PWS or sewer treatment plant have adequate capacity to meet the current and projected demands in the requested area?										
		No Yes:									
28.	28. List the name, class, and TCEQ license number of the operator that will be responsible for the operations of the wa sewer utility service:										
		er or Sewer									
		Part G: Mapping & Affidavits									
<u>ALL</u> applications require mapping information to be filed in conjunction with the STM application. Read question 29 A and B to determine what information is required for your application.											
29. A. For applications requesting to transfer an entire CCN, without a CCN boundary adjustment, provide the follomapping information with each of the seven (7) copies of the application:											
 A general location (small scale) map identifying the requested area in reference to the nearest c boundary, city, or town. The following guidance should be adhered to: 											
	i. If the application requests to transfer certificated service areas for both water and s separate maps must be provided for each.										
	ii. A hand drawn map, graphic, or diagram of the requested area is not considered a acceptable mapping document.										

ATTACHMENT 1B

NERRO ASSET AND DEPRECIATION SCHEDULE

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STYLE: Application of Nerro Supply, LLC and Undine Texas Environmental, LLC for Sale, Transfer or Merger of Facilities and Certificate Rights in Chambers and Harris Counties

SUBMITTING PARTY: Undine Texas, LLC

BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF CONTENTS: Attachment 1B – Nerro Asset and Depreciation Schedule

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ADDITIONAL INFORMATION REQUIRED BY PROTECTIVE ORDER:

DATE SUBMITTED TO COMMISSION: August 19, 2020

ATTACHMENT 1C

NERRO 2019 ANNUAL REPORT

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ATTACHMENT 2

UNDINE APPROVAL FOR CCN TRANSFER



August 17, 2020

Lori Traweek, General Manager Gulf Coast Authority 910 Bay Area Blvd Houston, Texas 77058

Re: Application of Nerro Supply, LLC ("Nerro") and Undine Texas Environmental, LLC ("Undine") for Sale, Transfer or Merger of a Retail Public Utility in Chambers and Harris Counties (Docket No. 50961) – Request for GCA Written Consent

Dear Ms. Traweek:

On June 19, 2020, Nerro and Undine submitted an application to the Public Utility Commission of Texas ("PUC") for the sale, transfer or merger of a retail public utility and certificate rights from Nerro to Undine (the "Application"). Based on subsequent review of the Application by the PUC, it has been determined that the Application includes an area of overlap with Gulf Coast Authority ("Authority") CCN No. 20465. The attached map specifies the area of overlap bounded in red and shaded in green and referred to herein as the "Overlap Area").

This letter requests that the Authority consent in writing to decertification of the Overlap Area identified on the attached map from its CCN No. 20465 so that Nerro and Undine may incorporate the Overlap Area into the service areas that are otherwise the subject of the Application. Pursuant to Texas Water Code ("TWC") §13.254 the PUC may amend any CCN with the written consent of the certificate holder after notice and hearing. Consistent with TWC Section 13.254, Undine and Nerro request that the Authority provide such written consent by its signature to this letter agreement. By its signature the Authority below consents to amendment of CCN No. 20465 pursuant to TWC § 13.254 to remove the Overlap Area as indicated on the attached map.

It is the understanding of Undine and Nerro that the Authority will consent to amendment of CCN 20465 for no compensation under TWC §13.254, except and provided that Undine and Nerro agree to reimburse the Authority for legal expenses incurred by the Authority, up to \$2,000 supported by invoices to the Authority, associated with its review and consent to this request and related to any further actions required of the Authority associated with the Application. Undine and Nerro will reimburse the Authority within thirty (30) days following receipt of written request from the Authority. Further, Undine and Nerro agree to promptly provide to the Authority (1) a copy of digital mapping submitted to the PUC indicating the area removed from CCN No. 20465 and (2) a copy of all filings by the applicants and orders issued by the PUC in Docket No. 50961 that have any effect on CCN No. 20465 or the Authority.

If approved, the amendment to CCN No. 20465 will allow Undine to exercise its authority to provide retail, public water and sewer utility service under Undine's STM Application. Undine

and Nerro request that the Authority sign this letter at the signature block below indicating its agreement and acknowledgment that the Authority consents to amendment of CCN No. 20465 pursuant to TWC §13.254 to remove the Overlap Area indicated on the attached map.

The Authority should send the request for reimbursement to Kevin Binder at <u>AccountsPayable@UndineLLC.com</u> or 17681 Telge Road, Cypress, Texas 77429.

We appreciate your consideration in this matter.

Sincerely,

Carey a. Thomas

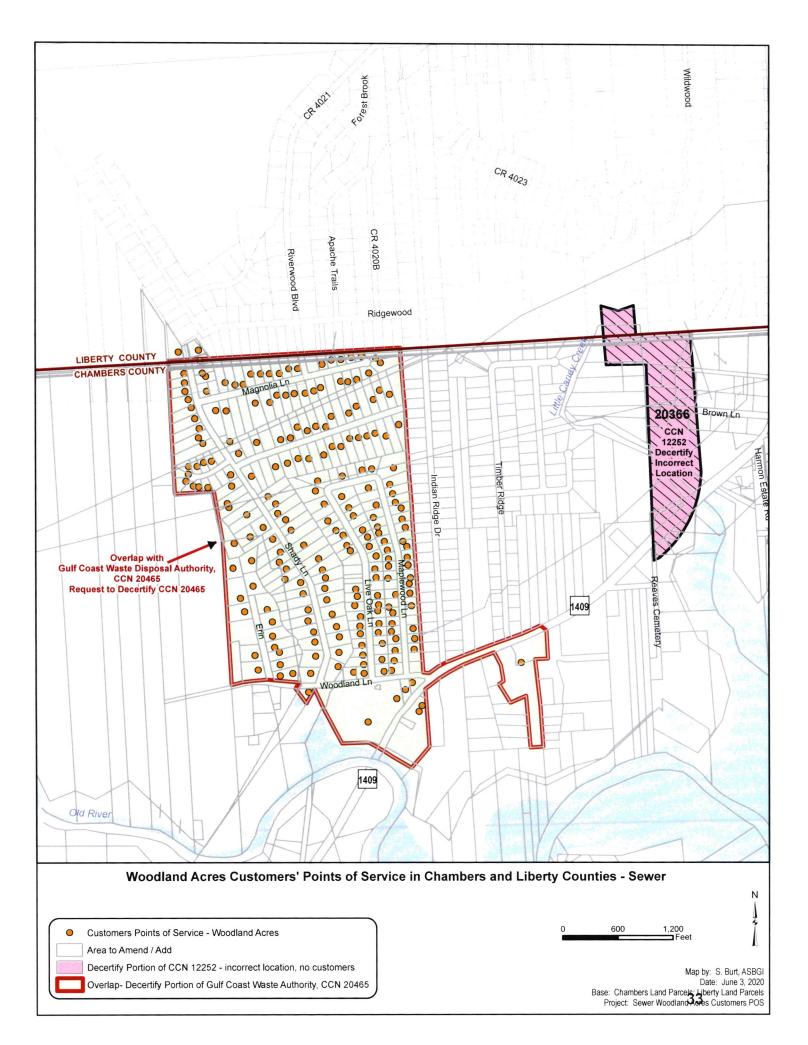
By the signature below, Gulf Coast Authority consents to amendment of CCN No. 20465 to remove the Overlap Area as indicated on the attached map according to the terms of this letter.

Trawell Signature: (

Name: Lori Traweek

Title: General Manager

Date: 8/18/2020



ATTACHMENT 3

OLD RIVER WIN-FREE LETTER



August 6, 2020

City of Old River Winfree 4818 N FM 565 Road Old River-Winfree, TX 77523

Re: Transfer of Water Utilities to Undine Texas, LLC

Dear Linda Murphy:

As we discussed, Undine Texas Environmental, LLC is in the process of acquiring certain wastewater utility assets from Nerro Supply, LLC. Because the sale involves wastewater utility assets, the Public Utility Commission of Texas has a regulatory oversight role in the transaction. One of the items the PUC has requested regarding the transaction is confirmation from the City of Old River-Winfree that it understands that the transfer involves a water utility service area that overlaps with a portion of the City, as reflected on the attached map, and that the City consents to the overlap. If you do consent to the overlap, please confirm with your signature below. We appreciate your assistance and cooperation in this matter, and please do not hesitate to contact me if you have any further questions.

Sincerely,

Thomas larcy

Carey Thomas Sr. Vice President

By my signature below, the City of Old River-Winfree hereby consents to the overlap reflected in the Application of Nerro Supply, LLC and Undine Texas Environmental, LLC for Sale, Transfer of Facilities and Certificate Rights in Chambers, Harris and Liberty Counties (PUC Docket No.

50961). Signature: Name: Title: 10-220 Date:

