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**APPLICATION OF OAK HILL RANCH
ESTATES WATER AND CSWR-TEXAS
UTILITY OPERATING COMPANY,
LLC FOR SALE, TRANSFER, OR
MERGER OF FACILITIES AND
CERTIFICATE RIGHTS IN
GUADALUPE AND WILSON
COUNTIES**

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**PUBLIC UTILITY COMMISSION
OF TEXAS**



**ORDER NO. 2
GRANTING ABATEMENT AND REVISING DEADLINE**

This Order addresses Commission Staff's July 28, 2020 request for abatement and extension. CSWR-Texas Utility Operating Company, LLC filed multiple applications with the Commission for the sale, transfer, or merger of existing facilities and service areas under a new, currently unassigned, water certificate of convenience and necessity (CCN), beginning with Docket Nos. 50251,¹ 50276,² and 50311,³ filed in late 2019.

Commission Staff requests: (a) the abatement of this proceeding pending the issuance of an order approving the transaction to proceed and be consummated in either Docket Nos. 50251, 50276, or 50311 such that CSWR-Texas will have an assigned CCN number; and (b) the extension of the time to file its sufficiency recommendation in the instant case to 14 days after the date the first order approving the transaction to proceed is filed in either Docket No. 50251, 50276, or 50311. Commission Staff contends that abatement of this proceeding is appropriate until CSWR-Texas receives approval to consummate at least one of the above transactions that will ultimately lead to it obtaining a water CCN in Texas.

On July 29, 2020, CSWR-Texas filed its response opposing Commission Staff's request for abatement. As an alternative, CSWR-Texas requested that Staff be granted an extension to file

¹ *Application of JRM Water LLC and CSWR-Texas Utility Operating Company, LLC for Sale, Transfer, or Merger of Facilities and Certificate Rights in Victoria County, Docket No. 50251 (pending).*

² *Application of North Victoria Utilities, Inc and CSWR-Texas Utility Operating Company, LLC for Sale, Transfer, or Merger of Facilities and Certificate Rights in Victoria County, Docket No. 50276 (pending).*

³ *Application of Copano Heights Water Company and CSWR-Texas Utility Operating Company, LLC for Sale, Transfer, or Merger of Facilities and Certificate Rights in Aransas County, Docket No. 50311 (pending).*

its recommendation, but be directed to file its recommendation as soon as possible after issuance of an order in either Docket No. 50251, 50276, or 50311.

After considering the arguments presented, the administrative law judge grants Commission Staff's request to abate this case until an order approving the sale, transfer, or merger to proceed and be consummated in either Docket Nos. 50251, 50276, or 50311 is filed. Additionally, no later than 14 days after the date of the first order approving the transaction to proceed is filed in either Docket Nos. 50251, 50276, or 50311, Commission Staff must file comments on the administrative completeness of the instant application and proposed notice, and both the applicants and Commission Staff must file a recommendation regarding how to proceed with the application and propose a procedural schedule.

Signed at Austin, Texas the 31 day of July 2020.

PUBLIC UTILITY COMMISSION OF TEXAS



KATIE MOORE
ADMINISTRATIVE LAW JUDGE