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APPLICATION OF TREETOP UTILITIES, INC. AND CSWR-TEXAS UTILITY OPERATING COMPANY, LLC FOR SALE, TRANSFER, OR MERGER OF FACILITIES AND CERTIFICATE RIGHTS IN PARKER COUNTY

OF TEXAS

ORDER NO. 2 GRANTING ABATEMENT AND REVISING DEADLINE

This Order addresses the 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 or 50311,³ filed in late 2019.

Commission Staff requests the abatement of this proceeding pending orders finding the applications in Docket Nos. 50989,⁴ 51003,⁵ 51026,⁶ and 51031⁷ administratively complete.⁸

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).

⁴ Application of Ranch Country of Texas Water Systems, Inc. and CSWR-Texas Utility Operating Company, LLC for Sale, Transfer, or Merger of Facilities and Certificate Rights in Austin County, Docket No. 50989 (pending).

⁵ 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, Docket No. 51003 (pending).

⁶ Application of Tall Pines Utility, Inc and CSWR-Texas Utility Operating Company, LLC for Sale, Transfer, or Merger of Facilities and Certificate Rights in Harris County, Docket No. 51026 (pending).

⁷ Application of Council Creek Village, Inc. dba Council Creek Village dba South Council Creek 2 and CSWR-Texas Utility Operating Company, LLC for Sale, Transfer, or Merger of Facilities and Certificate Rights in Burnet County, Docket No. 51031 (pending).

⁸ For example, if the application Docket No. 51026 is the last to be found administratively complete, Staff requests that its recommendation on sufficiency of the instant application be due 14 days after the date of the order finding the application in Docket No. 51026 administratively complete.

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Commission Staff contends that abatement of this proceeding will help to ensure that Commission Staff can review each docket and accurately prepare the corresponding CCN map.

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

In light of Order No. 2 filed on July 29, 2020, in Docket No. 51026 and after considering the arguments presented, the administrative law judge grants Commission Staff's request to abate, but to the extent consistent with Order No. 2 in Docket No. 51026. Accordingly, Commission Staff must file its recommendation on the sufficiency of the instant application and propose a procedural schedule in this docket, if appropriate, no later than 14 days after an order approving the sale, transfer, or merger to proceed and be consummated in either Docket Nos. 50251, 50276, or 50311 is filed.

Signed at Austin, Texas the 4th day of August 2020.

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