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**DOCKET NO. 51065**

**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**

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**PUBLIC UTILITY COMMISSION**

**OF TEXAS**

**COMMISSION STAFF'S REQUEST FOR ABATEMENT**

**COMES NOW** the Staff (Staff) of the Public Utility Commission of Texas (Commission), representing the public interest, and in response to Order No. 1, files this Request for Abatement. In support thereof, Staff shows the following:

**I. BACKGROUND**

On July 16, 2020, Treetop Utilities, Inc. and CSWR-Texas Utility Operating Company, LLC filed an application for approval of the sale, transfer, or merger of facilities and certificate rights in Parker County. Supplemental application materials were filed on July 22, 2020.

On July 17, 2020, Order No. 1 was issued, setting a deadline of August 17, 2020 for Staff to file comments on the administrative completeness of the application and propose a procedural schedule. Therefore, this pleading is timely filed.

**II. REQUEST FOR ABATEMENT**

Staff requests the abatement of this proceeding. CSWR initially filed three STM applications—Docket Nos. 50251,<sup>1</sup> 50276,<sup>2</sup> or 50311.<sup>3</sup> The instant docket is one of seven additional STM applications filed by CSWR between June 26, 2020 and July 16, 2020.<sup>4</sup> CSWR

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<sup>1</sup> *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).

<sup>2</sup> *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).

<sup>3</sup> *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).

<sup>4</sup> *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

does not currently hold a water or sewer CCN issued by the Commission or a predecessor agency. Accordingly, Staff has requested, or is in the process of requesting, the abatement of Docket Nos. 50989, 51003, 51026, and 51031 until CSWR receives approval to consummate at least one of the transactions that will ultimately lead to CSWR obtaining a water CCN in Texas.

Staff is requesting a longer abatement for this proceeding. Specifically, Staff is requesting that the deadline for its recommendation on sufficiency of the application be due 14 days after the order finding the last of Docket Nos. 50989, 51003, 51026, or 51031 administratively complete has been issued. For example, if Docket No. 51026 is the last docket to be found administratively complete, then Staff's recommendation on sufficiency in this case would be due 14 days after the date the order is issued in Docket No. 51026. Sequencing the processing of these seven dockets in this manner will help to ensure that Staff can thoroughly review each docket and accurately prepare the corresponding CCN map.

### **III. CONCLUSION**

For the reasons discussed above, Staff respectfully requests that an order be issued consistent with the above recommendation.

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(pending); *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); *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); *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); *Application of Kathie Lou Daniels dba Woodlands West and CSWR-Texas Utility Operating Company, LLC for Sale, Transfer, or Merger of Facilities and Certificate Rights in Victoria County*, Docket No. 51036 (pending); *Application of Jones-Owen Company dba South Silver Creek I, II, and III and CSWR-Texas Utility Operating Company, LLC for Sale, Transfer, or Merger of Facilities and Certificate Rights in Travis County*, Docket No. 51047 (pending).

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Respectfully Submitted,

**PUBLIC UTILITY COMMISSION OF TEXAS  
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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 28, 2020, in accordance with the Order Suspending Rules, issued in Project No. 50664.

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