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DOCKET NO. 50276

**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**

**PUBLIC UTILITY COMMISSION
OF TEXAS**

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ORDER NO. 8

DOCKET NO. 50311

**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**

**PUBLIC UTILITY COMMISSION
OF TEXAS**

ORDER NO. 8

DOCKET NO. 50989

**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**

**PUBLIC UTILITY COMMISSION
OF TEXAS**

ORDER NO. 2

DOCKET NO. 51003

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

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APPLICATION OF TALL PINES	§	PUBLIC UTILITY COMMISSION
UTILITY, INC. AND CSWR-TEXASS	§	
UTILITY OPERATING COMPANY,	§	OF TEXAS
LLC FOR SALE, TRANSFER, OR	§	
MERGER OF FACILITIES AND	§	
CERTIFICATE RIGHTS IN HARRIS	§	
COUNTY	§	

ORDER NO. 3

DOCKET NO. 51031

APPLICATION OF COUNCIL CREEK	§	PUBLIC UTILITY COMMISSION
VILLAGE, INC. DBA COUNCIL	§	
CREEK VILLAGE DBA SOUTH	§	OF TEXAS
COUNCIL CREEK 2 AND CSWR	§	
TEXAS UTILITY OPERATING	§	
COMPANY, LLC FOR SALE,	§	
TRANSFER, OR MERGER OF	§	
FACILITIES AND CERTIFICATE	§	
RIGHTS IN BURNET COUNTY	§	

ORDER NO. 3

DOCKET NO. 51036

APPLICATION OF KATHIE LOU	§	PUBLIC UTILITY COMMISSION
DANIELS DBA WOODLANDS WEST	§	
AND CSWR TEXAS UTILITY	§	OF TEXAS
OPERATING COMPANY, LLC FOR	§	
SALE, TRANSFER, OR MERGER OF	§	
FACILITIES AND CERTIFICATE	§	
RIGHTS IN BURLESON COUNTY	§	

ORDER NO. 2

DOCKET NO. 51047

APPLICAITON OF JONES-OWEN	§	PUBLIC UTILITY COMMISSION
COMPANY DBA SOUTH SILVER	§	
CREEK I, II, AND III AND CSWR-	§	OF TEXAS
TEXAS UTILITY OPERATING	§	
UTILITY COMPANY, LLC FOR SALE,	§	
TRANSFER, OR MERGER OF	§	
FACILITIES AND CERTIFICATE	§	
RIGHTS IN TRAVIS COUNTY	§	

ORDER NO. 2

DOCKET NO. 51065

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

ORDER NO. 4

DOCKET NO. 51089

APPLICATION OF DONALD E.	§	PUBLIC UTILITY COMMISSION
WILSON DBA QUIET VILLAGE II DBA	§	
QV UTILITY AND CSWR-TEXAS	§	OF TEXAS
UTILITY OPERATING COMPANY,	§	
LLC FOR SALE, TRANSFER, OR	§	
MERGER OF FACILITIES AND	§	
CERTIFICATE RIGHTS IN HIDALGO	§	
COUNTY	§	

ORDER NO. 2

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APPLICATION OF SHADY OAKS	§	PUBLIC UTILITY COMMISSION
WATER SUPPLY COMPANY, LLC	§	
AND CSWR-TEXAS OPERATING	§	OF TEXAS
COMPANY, LLC FOR SALE,	§	
TRANSFER, OR MERGER OF	§	
FACILITIES AND CERTIFICATE	§	
RIGHTS IN WILSON COUNTY	§	

ORDER NO. 2

DOCKET NO. 51126

APPLICATION OF SHAWN M.	§	PUBLIC UTILITY COMMISSION
HORVATH DBA AERO VALLEY	§	
WATER SERVICE AND CSWR-TEXAS	§	OF TEXAS
UTILITY OPERATING COMPANY,	§	
LLC FOR SALE, TRANSFER, OR	§	
MERGER OF FACILITIES AND	§	
CERTIFICATE RIGHTS IN DENTON	§	
COUNTY	§	

ORDER NO. 4

DOCKET NO. 51130

APPLICATION OF LAGUNA VISTA	§	PUBLIC UTILITY COMMISSION
LIMITED AND LAGUNA TRES, INC.	§	
AND CSWR-TEXAS UTILITY	§	OF TEXAS
OPERATING COMPANY, LLC FOR	§	
SALE, TRANSFER, OR MERGER OF	§	
FACILITIES AND CERTIFICATE	§	
RIGHTS IN HOOD COUNTY	§	

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APPLICATION OF ABRAXAS	§	PUBLIC UTILITY COMMISSION
CORPORATION AND CSWR-TEXAS	§	
UTILITY OPERATING COMPANY,	§	OF TEXAS
LLC FOR SALE, TRANSFER, OR	§	
MERGER OF FACILITIES AND	§	
CERTIFICATE RIGHTS IN PARKER	§	
COUNTY	§	

ORDER NO. 2

ORDER DIRECTING ADMINISTRATIVE PROCESS

This order addresses the sale, transfer, merger (STM) applications involving CSWR-Texas Utility Operating Company, LLC filed with the Commission from November 18, 2019 through August 6, 2020; specifically Docket Nos. 50276, 50311, 50989, 51003, 51026, 51031, 51036, 51047, 51065, 51089, 51118, 51126, 51130, and 51146. Commission Staff has identified concerns regarding processing this large number of applications, including concerns regarding maintaining the accuracy of the maps as Commission Staff reviews the applications. The administrative law judge (ALJ) agrees that the simultaneous processing of multiple STM applications involving CSWR has the potential to create logistical hurdles and confusion as to the proper analysis and facts to be applied when evaluating each application. In order to reduce, in part, the possibility of confusion, all of the above cases have been reassigned to the undersigned ALJ.

The ALJ is of the opinion that these applications are inextricably intertwined with one another, such that the analysis in each subsequent application requires consideration of the ones that preceded it. For example, in Docket No. 50251, CSWR plans to purchase from JRM Water LLC a water system that serves 438 acres and 211 customers in Victoria County. When Commission Staff formulated its recommendation as to whether the transaction in Docket No. 50251 should be allowed to proceed, it analyzed and applied the relevant legal factors to determine whether CSWR has the wherewithal to serve a water system of 438 acres and 211 customers in Victoria County.

The ALJ believes that, when Commission Staff formulates its recommendations in each subsequent CSWR STM case, it should do in a cumulative manner; that is, by also considering the recommendations it has already made in any prior cases. In Docket No. 50276, CSWR plans to purchase from North Victoria Utilities, Inc. a water system that serves 307 acres and 77 customers in Victoria County. Thus, assuming that Docket No. 50276 is the next case in which Commission Staff formulates its recommendation as to whether the transaction in should be allowed to proceed, Commission Staff should analyze whether CSWR has the wherewithal to serve:

- a water system of 307 acres and 77 customers in Victoria County (i.e., the water system being purchased in Docket No. 50276); *plus*
- a water system of 438 acres and 211 customers in Victoria County (i.e., the water system being purchased in Docket No. 50251).

Using this approach, each subsequent Commission Staff recommendation will take into account all prior cases in which Staff is recommending that the transaction should be allowed to proceed. By the time Commission Staff considers the last of the 15 applications, Commission Staff will be formulating its recommendation as to whether the transaction should be allowed to proceed by analyzing whether CSWR has the wherewithal to serve all of the systems being acquired in all 15 dockets.

The parties are ordered to process these cases in the manner described above.

Signed at Austin, Texas the 20 day of August 2020.

PUBLIC UTILITY COMMISSION OF TEXAS



KATIE MOORE
ADMINISTRATIVE LAW JUDGE