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APPLICATION OF SWWC UTILITIES, INC. DBA HORNSBY BEND UTILITY COMPANY FOR A PASS THROUGH RATE CHANGE

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COMMISSION STAFF'S SUPPLEMENTAL RECOMMENDATION ON NOTICE

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On September 23, 2020, SWWC Utilities, Inc. dba Hornsby Bend Utility Company, Inc. (Applicant), water Certificate of Convenience and Necessity number 11978, filed an application to amend its tariff to reflect the increase in the water usage fees charged by the EPCOR 130 Project, Inc. under 16 Texas Administrative Code (TAC) § 24.25. Applicant requests to increase the pass-through rate by \$0.04, from \$0.19 to \$0.23 per 1,000 gallons of water. The requested effective date for the increase is on the first meter reading after October 1, 2020. On November 23, 2020 and January 12, 2021, Applicant filed supplements to the docket.

On February 23, 2021, the administrative law judge (ALJ) requested a recommendation, establishing a deadline of March 1, 2021 for Staff to file a supplemental recommendation on the sufficiency of notice. Therefore, this pleading is timely filed.

I. SUPPLEMENTAL RECOMMENDATION ON NOTICE

Notice in this proceeding is governed by 16 TAC § 24.25(b)(2)(F), and after reviewing the Applicant's January 12, 2021 Response as well as the initial application filed on September 23, 2020, Staff recommends that the re-issued notice provided by Applicant be deemed sufficient.

II. FINAL RECOMMENDATION

Staff has reviewed Applicant's proposed calculation of the new pass-through rate and, as supported by the December 7, 2020 memorandum of Spencer English of the Commission's Rate Regulation Division, recommends that the application be approved and that the tariff pages filed on December 7, 2020 be provided to Applicant.

III. CONCLUSION

For the reasons stated above, Staff respectfully recommends that notice be deemed sufficient and that the application and proposed pass-through rate be approved.

Dated: March 1, 2021

Respectfully Submitted,

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TARIFF CONTROL NO. 51358 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 March 1, 2021, in accordance with the Order Suspending Rules, issued in Project No. 50664.

/s/ Justin C. Adkins Justin C. Adkins