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APPLICATION OF G&W WATER SUPPLY CORPORATION AND THE CITY OF HEMPSTEAD FOR SALE, TRANSFER, OR MERGER OF FACILITIES AND CERTIFICATE RIGHTS IN WALLER COUNTY

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COMMISSION STAFF'S REQUEST FOR EXTENSION

On September 23, 2020, G&W Water Supply Corporation (G&W) and the City of Hempstead (Hempstead) (collectively, Applicants) filed an application for approval of the sale and transfer of certificate of convenience and necessity (CCN) rights in Waller County. Hempstead seeks approval to acquire facilities and to transfer a portion of water service area from G&W's water CCN No. 12391. The requested area includes approximately 120 acres and 0 connections. On January 27, 2021, the administrative law judge (ALJ) filed Order No. 4, requiring Staff to file a recommendation regarding administrative completeness of the application along with a proposed procedural schedule by March 5, 2021. Therefore, this pleading is timely filed.

I. REQUEST FOR EXTENSION

Under 16 Texas Administrative Code (TAC) § 22.4(b), Staff may request that the time allowed for filing any documents be extended for good cause. A change of counsel for Staff occurred subsequent to the filing of Order No. 4 granting Staff's preceding request for an extension.¹ Therefore, Staff respectfully requests that the deadline for Staff to file its recommendation be extended to April 2, 2021.

¹ On March 3, 2021, Staff filed a notice of the change of counsel to reflect the development of a new attorney being assigned to this docket, replacing Staff's previous counsel in this matter.

II. CONCLUSION

Staff respectfully requests the issuance of an order granting Staff's request and extending the deadline for Staff to file its recommendation to March 19, 2021.

Dated: March 4, 2021

Respectfully submitted,

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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 March 4, 2021, in accordance with the Order Suspending Rules, issued in Project No. 50664.

<u>/s/ Kevin R. Bartz</u> Kevin R. Bartz