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APPLICATION OF DOGWOOD ESTATES WATER COMPANY AND LAKESHORE UTILITY COMPANY FOR SALE, TRANSFER, OR MERGER OF FACILITIES AND CERTIFICATE RIGHTS IN HENDERSON COUNTY



COMMISSION STAFF'S RECOMMENDATION ON SUFFICIENCY OF NOTICE

On October 2, 2020, Sentry Title Company, Inc. dba Lakeshore Utility Company (Lakeshore) and Rick L. Brown dba Dogwood Estates Water Company (Dogwood Estates) (collectively, the Applicants) filed an application for approval of the sale and transfer of certificate of convenience and necessity (CCN) rights in Henderson County. Lakeshore seeks approval to acquire facilities and to transfer all the water service area from Dogwood Estates under water CCN No. 10823. The requested area includes 7,328 acres and 442 current customers.

On January 6, 2021, the administrative law judge filed Order No. 3 requiring the Applicants to provide notice consistent with Staff's January 5, 2021 memorandum. Order No. 3 required the Applicants to file proof of notice by February 4, 2021. The Applicants filed affidavits evidencing notice and copies of the notice and maps on January 29, 2021.

Order No. 3 also established a deadline of February 19, 2021 for Staff to file a recommendation on sufficiency of notice. Therefore, this pleading is timely filed.

I. NOTICE

Staff has reviewed the proof of notice submitted by Applicants and recommends that it be found sufficient under 16 Texas Administrative Code (TAC) § 24.239(c). The proof of notice includes the affidavit of Bret Fenner, authorized representative of Lakeshore, and attests that notice was provided to neighboring utilities, affected parties, and current customers as required by Order No. 3 and 16 TAC § 24.239(c). Attached to the affidavit was a copy of the notice and map provided by the Applicants. The map shows the area under Dogwood Estate's water CCN in Henderson County that will be transferred to Lakeshore.

II. CONCLUSION

Staff respectfully requests an order finding notice to be sufficient.

Dated: February 19, 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 February 19, 2021, in accordance with the Order Suspending Rules, issued in Project No. 50664.

<u>/s/ Alaina Zermeno</u> Alaina Zermeno