

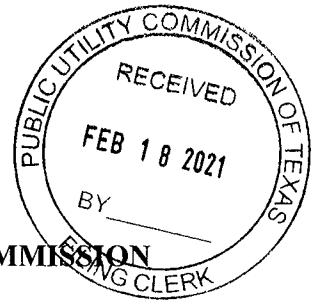


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APPLICATION OF AQUA UTILITIES,	§	PUBLIC UTILITY COMMISSION
INC. AND AQUA TEXAS, INC. FOR	§	
SALE, TRANSFER, OR MERGER OF	§	OF TEXAS
FACILITIES AND CERTIFICATE	§	
RIGHTS IN BANDERA COUNTY	§	

COMMISSION STAFF'S REQUEST FOR EXTENSION

On October 21, 2020, Aqua Texas, Inc. (Aqua Texas) and Aqua Utilities, Inc. (Aqua Utilities) (collectively, Applicants) filed an application for approval of the sale, transfer, or merger of facilities and certificate rights in Bandera County. Specifically, Applicants seek to transfer the Blue Medina Water public water system from Aqua Utilities to Aqua Texas. The total requested area consists of 474 acres with 75 customer connections.

On February 12, 2021, the administrative law judge (ALJ) filed Order No. 6, ordering Staff to file a recommendation on the approval of the sale by February 19, 2021. Therefore, this pleading is timely filed.

I. REQUEST FOR EXTENSION

Pursuant to 16 Texas Administrative Code (TAC) § 22.4(b), Staff may request that the time allowed for filing any documents be extended for good cause. Staff has not received responses to Staff's First Request for Information filed on February 1, 2021. Staff requires responses to these requests to formulate a recommendation on the approval of the sale. The Applicants have informed Staff that due to ongoing severe weather, they will not be able to provide Staff responses to Staff's First Request for Information until Monday, February 22, 2021. Therefore, Staff requests an extension until February 26, 2021 to file a recommendation on approval of the sale. Staff requests no changes to any other deadlines established in Order No. 4.

II. CONCLUSION

For the reasons detailed above, Staff respectfully requests that Staff's request for extension be granted and that an order be issued consistent with the above request.

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Date: February 18, 2021

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 February 18, 2021, in accordance with the Order Suspending Rules, issued in Project No. 50664.

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