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**APPLICATION OF ESPERANZA §
WATER SERVICE COMPANY, INC. §
AND EL PASO WATER UTILITIES §
PUBLIC SERVICE BOARD FOR SALE, §
TRANSFER, OR MERGER OF §
FACILITIES AND CERTIFICATE §
RIGHTS IN HUDSPETH COUNTY §**

**PUBLIC UTILITY COMMISSION
OF TEXAS**

**ORDER NO. 1
REQUIRING COMMENTS ON ADMINISTRATIVE COMPLETENESS, PROPOSED
NOTICE, PROPOSED PROCEDURAL SCHEDULE, AND ADDRESSING OTHER
PROCEDURAL MATTERS**

This Order addresses the November 17, 2020 application of Esperanza Water Service Company, Inc. and El Paso Water Utilities Public Service Board (El Paso) for the sale, transfer, or merger of facilities and certificate rights in Hudspeth county. The applicants seek approval of the following transaction: (a) El Paso will acquire all of all of Esperanza WSC's facilities and water service area under certificate of convenience and necessity (CCN) number 12881; (b) Esperanza WSC's water CCN number 12881 will be cancelled; and (c) the amendment of El Paso's CCN number 10211 to include the area previously included in Esperanza WSC's CCN number 12881. The requested area consists of 18,102.05 acres with 292 customer connections.

I. Requiring Comments on the Administrative Completeness of the Application and Proposed Notice

By December 17, 2020, Commission Staff must file comments on the administrative completeness of the application and proposed notice, and both applicants and Commission Staff must file a recommendation regarding how to proceed with the application and propose a procedural schedule.

II. Filings

Unless otherwise specified, an original and ten copies of documents relating to this proceeding must be filed with the Commission's filing clerk in accordance with 16 Texas Administration Code (TAC) § 22.71. **In light of the Commission's Second Order entered in Docket No. 50664 (Commission's Second Order), this requirement will be considered satisfied if pleadings are filed with the Commission through the Interchange on the**

Commission's website as long as the Commission's Second Order is in effect.¹

Service of pleadings is typically governed by 16 TAC § 22.74. However, as long as the Commission's Second Order remains in effect, all parties must file any pleading or document with the Commission solely through the Interchange on the Commission's website and provide notice, by email, to all other parties that the pleading or document has been filed with the Commission, unless otherwise ordered by the presiding officer. It will be incumbent upon all other parties to obtain a copy of the pleading or document by accessing the Interchange at: <https://interchange.puc.texas.gov>.

All parties are required to provide their current addresses, **e-mail addresses**, telephone and fax numbers, if available, to all other parties and to the Commission by filing and serving all parties with such information. Each party must provide the Commission and all parties with updated address, **e-mail address**, telephone, and fax information if such information changes. The **e-mail addresses**, telephone and fax numbers will be included on the service list for the convenience of the parties. Parties are responsible for updating their own service lists to reflect changed information and the addition of any other parties.

III. Ex Parte Communications

Ex parte communications with the administrative law judge (ALJ) are prohibited under 16 TAC § 22.3(b)(2). Parties must communicate with the ALJ only through written documents filed with the Commission's filing clerk and served on all parties. Questions concerning this Order, or any other order, must be submitted in writing, filed with the Commission, and served on all parties of record.

Signed at Austin, Texas the 19th day of November 2020.

PUBLIC UTILITY COMMISSION OF TEXAS



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ADMINISTRATIVE LAW JUDGE

¹ *Issues Related the State of Disaster for Coronavirus Disease 2019*, Docket No. 50664, Second Order Suspending Rules (July 16, 2020).