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APPLICATION OF MONARCH	§	PUBLIC UTILITY COMMISSION
UTILITIES I L.P. TO AMEND ITS	§	
SEWER CERTIFICATE OF	§	OF TEXAS
CONVENIENCE AND NECESSITY IN	§	
CHAMBERS COUNTY	§	

COMMISSION STAFF’S RECOMMENDATION ON SUFFICIENCY OF NOTICE

On December 3, 2020, Monarch Utilities I L.P. (Monarch) filed an application to amend its sewer certificate of convenience and necessity (CCN) 20899 in Chambers County, Texas. Monarch's application indicates that there are no customers in the areas proposed for decertification.

On July 7, 2021, the administrative law judge (ALJ) filed Order No. 8 requiring Staff (Staff) of the Public Utility Commission of Texas (Commission) to file a supplemental recommendation on the sufficiency of notice and propose a procedural schedule by July 30, 2021. Therefore, this pleading is timely filed.

I. SUFFICIENCY OF NOTICE

Staff has reviewed Monarch’s proof of notice, as supplemented, and recommends that it be found sufficient. As discussed in Staff’s prior recommendation, Monarch provided explanation as to why they did not send notice to Chambers County MUD 2 and 3, and no Groundwater Conservation Districts with a letter of explanation or proof of the inactive status of the parties.¹

Monarch previously filed proof that the notice was published in a newspaper of general circulation in Chambers County for two consecutive weeks.

For the reasons stated above, Staff recommends that Monarch’s notice, as supplemented be found sufficient.

¹ Monarch’s Response to Order No. 8 (July 16, 2021).

II. PROPOSED PROCEDURAL SCHEDULE

Staff recommends the notice be found sufficient. Staff therefore proposes the following procedural schedule:

Event	Date
Notice completed	May 30, 2021
Deadline for intervention	June 29, 2021 ²
Deadline for Commission Staff to provide final maps, certificate, and tariffs (if applicable) to Applicants for review and consent	September 13, 2021
Deadline for Applicant to file consent forms with the Commission	September 27, 2021
Deadline for Staff to request a hearing or file a final recommendation on the Application	October 11, 2021
Deadline for parties to file a joint proposed order	October 25, 2021

I. CONCLUSION

Staff respectfully requests the entry of an order finding Monarch's notice sufficient and adoption of the above proposed procedural schedule.

² Pursuant to 16 Texas Administrative Code (TAC) § 24.235(a)(3), "the deadline for intervention in the proceeding is (30 days from the mailing or publication of notice, whichever occurs later, unless otherwise provided by the presiding officer)." Notice was published on May 30, 2021. Therefore, 30 days after May 30, 2021 is June 29, 2021.

Dated: July 30, 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 July 30, 2021, in accordance with the Order Suspending Rules, issued in Project No. 50664.

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