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| APPLICATION OF L AND T | § | PUBLIC UTILITY COMMISSION |
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| WATERWORKS LLC AND MONARCH | § | |
| UTILITIES I, L.P. FOR SALE, | § | OF TEXAS |
| TRANSFER, OR MERGER OF | § | |
| FACILITIES AND CERTIFICATE | § | |
| RIGHTS IN FREESTONE AND | § | |
| HENDERSON COUNTIES | § | |

COMMISSION STAFF'S RESPONSE TO ORDER NO. 7

On March 8, 2021, Monarch Utilities I, L.P. (Monarch) and L and T Waterworks LLC (L and T) (collectively, the Applicants) filed an application for the sale, transfer, or merger of certificate rights in Freestone and Henderson counties. The Applicants seek approval to sell and transfer all of L and T's facilities and certificated service area under water certificate of convenience and necessity (CCN) numbers 12919 and 12993 to Monarch's water CCN number 12983, and the cancellation of L and T's water CCN numbers 12919 and 12993. The Applicants also request that a portion of the area requested be dually certificated with CCN number 10793, held by Turlington WSC and a second portion be decertified from CCN number 10791, held by South Freestone County WSC. Applicants filed supplemental information on March 15, 2021, May 27, 2021, June 16, 2021, June 18, 2021, August 16 and August 17, 2021.

On August 30, 2021, the administrative law judge (ALJ) filed Order No. 7 requiring Staff (Staff) of the Public Utility Commission (Commission) to file a recommendation on sufficiency of notice by October 7, 2021. Therefore, this pleading is timely filed.

I. STAFF'S RESPONSE TO ORDER NO. 7

On September 21, 2021 Commission Staff filed an amended notice and proposed an amended procedural schedule based on the amended notice in response to Order No. 8. The ALJ has not made a ruling on Commission Staff's September 21, 2021 filing. Commission Staff respectfully requests that the amended notice forms and amended procedural schedule from Commission Staff's September 21, 2021 filing be adopted.

II. PROPOSED AMEDED PROCEDURAL SCHEDULE

Commission Staff proposed the following amended procedural schedule in its September 21, 2021 filing:

| Event | Date |
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| Deadline for the applicants to file with the Commission signed affidavits that the notice was given along with a copy of the notice and map sent to the affected parties | October 15, 2021 |
| Deadline for Staff to file a recommendation on sufficiency of notice | October 27, 2021 |
| Deadline to intervene | 30 days after notice is issued |

III. CONCLUSION

For the reasons detailed above, Staff continues to recommend that the Applicants be directed to provide the recommended notice attached to Commission Staff's September 21, 2021 recommendation to the parties listed in the memorandum of Patricia Garcia attached to Staff's August 26, 2021 filing, and that the procedural schedule proposed above be adopted. Staff respectfully requests entry of an order consistent with these recommendations.

Dated: October 7, 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 October 7, 2021, in accordance with the Order Suspending Rules, issued in Project No. 50664.

/s/ Kourtnee Jinks

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