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APPLICATION OF MONARCH UTILITIES I L.P. TO AMEND ITS CERTIFICATES OF CONVENIENCE AND NECESSITY IN HARRIS AND LIBERTY COUNTIES

PUBLIC UTILITY COMMISSION OF TEXAS

COMMISSION STAFF'S REQUEST FOR EXTENSION

On March 16, 2021, Monarch Utilities I L.P. (Monarch) filed an application to amend its certificate of convenience and necessity (CCN) in Harris and Liberty Counties, Texas. Monarch holds water CCN No. 12893 and sewer CCN No. 20899. The requested service area consists of 121 acres and zero existing connections. Monarch filed supplemental information on May 13, 2021, July 28, 2021, February 14, 2022, March 4, 2022, May 10, 2022, May 25, 2022, and July 1, 2022.

On September 16, 2022, the administrative law judge (ALJ) filed Order No. 16, establishing a deadline of October 7, 2022 for Staff to file comments on Monarch's response to the ALJ's Order requiring clarification. Therefore, this pleading is timely filed.

I. REQUST FOR EXTENSION

Under 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 reviewed Monarch's response to the ALJ's Order requiring clarification to demonstrate that regionalization or consolidation with another retail public utility is not economically feasible. Staff needs additional time before filing its responsive comments to Monarch's recently filed clarification.

In order to allow time for Staff to continue discussing this issue, Staff respectfully requests that the deadline to file comments be extended until October 19, 2022.

II. CONCLUSION

For the reasons discussed above, Staff respectfully requests that the deadline to file comments be extended until October 19, 2022.

Dated: October 6, 2022

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 6, 2022, in accordance with the Order Suspending Rules, issued in Project No. 50664.

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