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<b>APPLICATION OF UTILITIES</b>	<b>§</b>	<b>PUBLIC UTILITY COMMISSION</b>
<b>INVESTMENT COMPANY, INC. AND</b>	<b>§</b>	
<b>UIC 13 LLC AND MONARCH</b>	<b>§</b>	<b>OF TEXAS</b>
<b>UTILITIES I L.P. FOR SALE,</b>	<b>§</b>	
<b>TRANSFER, OR MERGER OF</b>	<b>§</b>	
<b>FACILITIES AND CERTIFICATE</b>	<b>§</b>	
<b>RIGHTS IN HARRIS, LIBERTY, AND</b>	<b>§</b>	
<b>CHAMBERS COUNTIES</b>	<b>§</b>	

**COMMISSION STAFF’S RECOMMENDATION ON SUFFICIENCY OF NOTICE**

On June 1, 2021, Utilities Investment Company, Inc. (Utilities) and UIC 13 LLC (UIC 13) and Monarch Utilities I L.P. (Monarch) (collectively, Applicants) filed an application for approval of the sale, transfer, or merger of facilities and certificate rights in Harris, Liberty, and Chambers counties. The Applicants seek approval to sell and transfer all of Utilities and UIC 13's facilities and certificated service area under water certificate of convenience and necessity (CCN) numbers 12671 and 13242 and sewer CCN numbers 20765 and 21091 to Monarch Utilities water CCN number 12083 and sewer CCN number 20899, and the cancellation of Utilities and UIC 13's water and sewer CCNs.

On July 30, 2021, the administrative law judge filed Order No. 4, establishing a deadline of August 26, 2021, for Staff of the Public Utility Commission of Texas (Staff) to file a recommendation on the sufficiency of the Applicants’ notice. Therefore, this pleading is timely filed.

**I. ADMINISTRATIVE COMPLETENESS**

Staff has reviewed the affidavit of mailed notice filed by Applicants on August 2, 2021. Staff recommends that the Applicants’ proof of notice should be deemed sufficient. Notice was mailed to current customers, neighboring utilities, and affected parties on July 26, 2021, which included the parties listed in Staff’s recommendation on administrative completeness filed on July 16, 2021. In addition, Staff was able to verify that the notice provided meets the requirements of 16 Texas Administrative Code (TAC) § 24.239(c) with the example of the notice mailed to the individuals listed in the Applicants’ proof of notice provided in the Applicants’

filing. Therefore, Applicants' notice substantially meets the requirements of 16 TAC § 24.239(c), and Staff recommends that the Applicants' proof of notice should be deemed sufficient.

## **I. PROCEDURAL SCHEDULE**

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

<b>Event</b>	<b>Date</b>
Notice completed	July 26, 2021
Deadline for intervention	August 25, 2021 <sup>1</sup>
Deadline for Staff to request a hearing or file a recommendation on the approval of the sale and on the CCN amendment	September 30, 2021
Deadline for parties to file a response to Staff's recommendation	October 21, 2021
Deadline for parties to file a joint motion to admit evidence and proposed order approving sale and allowing transaction to proceed.	November 12, 2021
120-day deadline for the Commission to approve the sale or require a hearing	November 23, 2021 <sup>2</sup>

## **II. CONCLUSION**

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

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<sup>1</sup> Pursuant to 16 TAC § 24.239(b), the intervention period shall not be less than 30 days unless good cause is shown. Notice was mailed to the last party on July 26, 2021. Therefore, 30 days after July 26, 2021 is August 25, 2021.

<sup>2</sup> Pursuant to 16 TAC § 24.239 (a) and (j), the deadline for Commission action is 120 days after the mailing or publication of notice, whichever occurs later. One hundred and twenty days after July 26, 2021 is November 23, 2021.

Dated: August 26, 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 August 26, 2021, in accordance with the Order Suspending Rules, issued in Project No. 50664.

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