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Re: Docket No. 52201 - Application of Utilities Investment Company, Inc. and UIC 13 LLC and

Monarch Utilities I L.P. for Sale, Transfer, or Merger of Facilities and Certificate Rights in Harris,

Liberty, and Chambers Counties

To the Commission:

In Order No. 5 in this docket, dated August 31, 2021, the administrative law judge found the applicants' notice sufficient and adopted a procedural schedule requiring Commission Staff to request a hearing or file a recommendation of approval of the sale and on the CCN amendment by September 30, 2021, and establishing October 21, 2021 as the deadline for applicants to file a response to Commission Staff's recommendation on approval of the sale. On September 30, 2021, Staff filed its recommendation on approval of the sale, recommending and respectfully requesting that the Commission issue an order permitting the proposed transaction to proceed. This letter constitutes applicants' response to Staff's recommendation and is timely filed.

Monarch has conferred with Utilities Investment Company, Inc. and UIC 13 LLC and files this response on behalf of all applicants. Applicants agree with Staff's recommendation without reservation and respectfully urge the Commission the issue an order consistent with Staff's recommendation.

Please let me know if any additional information is needed at this time.

Sincerely,

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