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APPLICATION OF R.P. LAND & CATTLE, LLC AND SLICE OF EP LLC FOR SALE, TRANSFER OR MERGER OF FACILITIES AND CERTIFICATE RIGHTS IN EL PASO COUNTY	§ § § § §	PUBLIC UTILITY COMMISSION OF TEXAS
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**COMMISSION STAFF'S RECOMMENDATION ON SUFFICIENCY OF NOTICE AND
PROPOSED PROCEDURAL SCHEDULE**

On June 11, 2021, R.P. Land & Cattle, LLC (R.P. L&C) and Slice of EP LLC (Slice EP) (collectively, Applicants) filed an application for approval of the sale, transfer, or merger of facilities and certificate rights in El Paso County. The Applicants seek approval to sell and transfer all of R.P. L&C's facilities and certificated service area under water certificate of convenience and necessity (CCN) number 12575 to Slice EP.

On September 28, 2021, the administrative law judge (ALJ) filed Order No. 4, establishing a deadline of November 8, 2021 for the Staff (Staff) of the Public Utility Commission of Texas (Commission) to file a recommendation on the sufficiency of notice. Therefore, this pleading is timely filed.

I. RECOMMENDATION ON NOTICE

The ALJ filed Order No. 4, requiring the Applicants to provide notice of the application as described in the September 27, 2021 memorandum of Jolie Mathis, using the included forms. On October 22, 2021, Applicants filed proof of notice that includes an affidavit of Jesus Pablo Oñate, an ownership member, indicating that notice was provided to all current customers, neighboring utilities, and affected parties via mail on October 13, 2021. Staff has reviewed the proof of notice filed by the Applicants and recommends that the notice and maps provided are sufficient as recommended in Ms. Mathis' memorandum.

II. PROCEDURAL SCHEDULE

Staff recommends that the notice be found sufficient. Therefore, Staff proposes the following procedural schedule:

Event	Date
Notice completed	October 13, 2021

Deadline to intervene	November 12, 2021
Deadline for Staff to request a hearing or file a recommendation on approval of the sale and on the CCN amendment	December 29, 2021
Deadline for parties to file a response to Staff's recommendation on approval of the sale	January 5, 2022
Deadline for parties to file a joint motion to admit evidence and proposed order approving sale and allowing transaction to proceed.	January 19, 2022
120-day deadline for the Commission to approve the sale or require a hearing	February 10, 2022

III. CONCLUSION

For the reasons detailed above, Staff respectfully recommends that the notice provided by the Applicants be deemed sufficient and that the proposed procedural schedule be adopted.

Dated: November 8, 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 November 8, 2021, in accordance with the Order Suspending Rules, issued in Project No. 50664.

/s/ Mildred Anaele

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