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APPLICATION OF PATTERSON WATER SUPPLY LLC AND MYRA WATER SYSTEM FOR SALE, TRANSFER, OR MERGER OF FACILITIES AND CERTIFICATE RIGHTS IN COOKE COUNTY

PUBLIC UTILITY COMMISSION

OF TEXAS

COMMISSION STAFF'S SUPPLEMENTAL RECOMMENDATION ON ADMINISTRATIVE COMPLETENESS AND NOTICE AND PROPOSED PROCEDURAL SCHEDULE

On August 13, 2021, Patterson Water Supply LLC (Patterson) and Myra Water System (Myra) (collectively, Applicants) filed an application for approval of the sale, transfer, or merger of facilities and certificate rights in Cooke County. Specifically, Patterson seeks approval to acquire facilities and to transfer water service area held under water certificate of convenience and necessity (CCN) number 12514 to Patterson under water CCN number 13248. The requested area includes approximately 982 acres and 116 current customers.

On September 14, 2021, the administrative law judge (ALJ) filed Order No. 2, establishing a deadline of October 22, 2021 for the Staff of the Public Utility Commission of Texas (Staff) to file a supplemental recommendation regarding the administrative completeness of the application, proposed notice, and to propose a procedural schedule for the further processing of this docket. Therefore, this pleading is timely filed.

I. ADMINISTRATIVE COMPLETENESS

To this date, the Applicants have failed to respond to Order No. 2 requiring that the Applicants supplement their application to cure the deficiencies described in Staff's September 13, 2021 memoranda of Patricia Garcia and Fred Bednarski III. Staff recommends that the Applicants be ordered to cure the deficiencies identified in Ms. Garcia's and Mr. Bednarski's memoranda by November 5, 2021 and that Staff be given a deadline of November 19, 2021 to file a second supplemental recommendation on the administrative completeness of the application, proposed notice, and to propose a procedural schedule for the further processing of this docket. Staff notes that the Applicants should not issue notice until the application is deemed sufficient.

II. PROCEDURAL SCHEDULE

In accordance with Staff's deficiency recommendation, Staff does not propose a procedural schedule for further processing of the docket at this time. Staff intends to propose a procedural schedule alongside a subsequent recommendation that the application be found administratively complete.

III. CONCLUSION

For the reasons detailed above, Staff recommends that the application be found administratively incomplete and that the Applicants be ordered to file supplemental information to cure the deficiencies in the application by November 5, 2021 and that Staff be given a deadline of November 19, 2021 to file a second supplemental recommendation on the administrative completeness of the application, proposed notice, and to propose a procedural schedule for the further processing of this docket. Staff respectfully requests the entry of an order consistent with these recommendations.

Dated: October 22, 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 22, 2021, in accordance with the Order Suspending Rules, issued in Project No. 50664.

/s/ Arnett D. Caviel Arnett D. Caviel