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APPLICATION OF HARRISON	§	PUBLIC UTILITY COMMISSION
WILLIAMS AND PINE KNOB ESTATE	§	
WATER, INC. FOR WATER UTILITY	§	OF TEXAS
STOCK TRANSFER	§	

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

On August 26, 2021, Harrison Williams (Mr. Williams) and Pine Knob Estate Water, Inc. (Pine Knob) (collectively, the Applicants) filed a request for approval of a water utility stock transfer pursuant to Texas Water Code (TWC) § 13.302 and 16 Texas Administrative Code (TAC) § 24.243. Under the transaction, Scott and Judy Robinson (collectively, the Robinsons) would sell 100% of their stock and ownership interest in Pine Knob to Mr. Williams. On October 26, 2021, December 3, 2021, December 16, 2021, and December 21, 2021, the Applicants filed supplemental information.

On November 30, 2021, the administrative law judge (ALJ) filed Order No. 7, establishing a deadline of December 13, 2021 for the Staff (Staff) of the Public Utility Commission of Texas (Commission) to file a supplemental recommendation on the administrative completeness of the application and to propose a procedural schedule. On December 10, 2021, Staff filed a request for extension until January 7, 2022. Therefore, this pleading is timely filed.

I. ADMINISTRATIVE COMPLETENESS

Staff has reviewed the supplemented application and recommends the Applicants have now cured the deficiencies in the application and provided all the information required under 16 TAC § 24.243 for further processing of this docket. As such, Staff recommends that the supplemented application be found administratively complete at this time. Staff's recommendation does not address the merits of the application. Further, Staff notes that the proposed effective date of December 19, 2021, as listed in the initial application, has since passed. However, Staff recommends this is not issue as the underlying stock sale and purchase agreement, signed by the Applicants, stipulates that the stock transfer is set to close after the Commission approves the transaction to proceed.

II. NOTICE

Pursuant to 16 TAC § 22.55, the presiding officer may require a party to provide reasonable notice to affected persons. Staff believes there are only two affected parties in this docket, both of whom are aware of the transaction for which they are seeking approval. Therefore, Staff re-urges its recommendation that no further notice be required.

III. PROCEDURAL SCHEDULE

In accordance with Staff's recommendation, Staff proposes the following procedural schedule:

Event	Date
Deadline for Staff to request a hearing or file a final recommendation for the transaction to proceed	14 days from the date of the order finding the supplemented application administratively complete
Deadline for the Applicants to file a response to Staff's recommendation	21 days from the date of the order finding the supplemented application administratively complete
If no hearing is requested, deadline for the Applicants and Staff to file a joint motion to admit evidence and proposed notice of approval	35 days from the date of the order finding the supplemented application administratively complete
Expiration of 60-day deadline for Commission to approve the transaction or to require a hearing	60 days from the date of the order finding the supplemented application administratively complete

IV. CONCLUSION

For the reason specified above, Staff respectfully recommends that the supplemented application be found administratively complete, that notice be found sufficient, and that the proposed procedural schedule be adopted. Staff respectfully requests the entry of an order consistent with these recommendations.

Dated: January 7, 2022

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 January 7, 2022, in accordance with the Order Suspending Rules, issued in Project No. 50664.

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