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APPLICATION OF TEXAS WATER SYSTEMS, INC. AND UNDINE DEVELOPMENT, LLC FOR SALE, TRANSFER, OR MERGER OF FACILITIES AND CERTIFICATE RIGHTS IN GREGG, HENDERSON, SMITH, AND UPSHUR COUNTIES PUBLIC UTILITY COMMISSION

OF TEXAS

COMMISSION STAFF'S REQUEST FOR EXTENSION

On September 2, 2021, Texas Water Systems, Inc. (TWS) and Undine Development, LLC (Undine) (jointly, Applicants) filed an application for approval of the sale, transfer, or merger of facilities and certificate of convenience and necessity (CCN) rights in Gregg, Henderson, Smith, and Upshur Counties. Applicants filed supplemental information on September 14, September 27, November 4, November 5, December 7, and December 23, 2021; and January 24 and April 29, 2022.

On May 16, 2022, the administrative law judge (ALJ) filed Order No. 8 requiring the Staff (Staff) of the Public Utility Commission of Texas (Commission) to request a hearing or file a final recommendation on approval of the sale and CCN amendment by June 13, 2022. Therefore, this pleading is timely filed.

I. REQUEST FOR AN EXTENSION

Under 16 Texas Administrative Code (TAC) § 22.4(b), Staff may request that the time allowed for filing any documents be extended for good cause. Given the novel nature of this application, Staff needs additional time to review the application and make a recommendation. Accordingly, Staff respectfully requests the entry of an order extending the deadline for Staff to file request a hearing or file its final recommendation to June 27, 2022. I have conferred with counsel for Undine and am authorized to represent they are unopposed to the request.

II. CONCLUSION

Staff respectfully requests the entry of an order extending Staff's deadline to June 27, 2022, to request a hearing or file a final recommendation on approval of the sale and CCN amendment.

Dated: June 13, 2022

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 June 13, 2022, in accordance with the Order Suspending Rules, issued in Project No. 50664.

<u>/s/Ian Groetsch</u> Ian Groetsch