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APPLICATION OF THE TOWN	§	PUBLIC UTILITY COMMISSION
OF LAKESIDE AND THE CITY	§	
OF FORT WORTH FOR SALE,	§	OF TEXAS
TRANSFER, OR MERGER OF	§	
FACILITIES AND CERTIFICATE	§	
RIGHTS IN TARRANT COUNTY	§	

THE CITY OF FORT WORTH'S APRIL UPDATE

TO: Honorable Jeffrey J. Huhn, Administrative Law Judge, Public Utility Commission of Texas COMES NOW, the City of Fort Worth, by and through its counsel, and respectfully files "The City of Fort Worth's April Update."

I. BACKGROUND

On October 23, 2021, the Town of Lakeside (Lakeside) and the City of Fort Worth (City) (collectively, Applicants) filed an application for approval of the sale, transfer, or merger of facilities and certificate rights in Tarrant County (Transaction). On June 27, 2022, the ALJ signed Order No. 10, admitting the evidence submitted by the parties to this proceeding. On June 30, 2022, the ALJ signed Order No. 11 approving the sale and allowing the transaction to proceed. Order No. 11 states that "the applicants must file monthly updates regarding the status of the closing of the transaction and submit documents evidencing that the transaction was consummated." On December 29, 2022, the ALJ signed Order No. 13 granting the City's motion to extend the deadline to complete the Transaction beyond the 180-days provided in 16 Tex. ADMIN. Code § 24.239(m). Per Order No. 13, the 180-day deadline is extended to June 28, 2023, and the City must continue to file monthly updates. Therefore, the City submits the following update pursuant to Order Nos. 11 and 13 and 16 Tex. ADMIN. Code § 24.239(j).

II. THE CITY OF FORT WORTH'S APRIL UPDATE

The City is working diligently to complete the Transaction at issue in this proceeding. Specifically, and as described in its previous monthly updates, the City is acquiring the easements necessary for the construction of infrastructure needed to provide service to customers in each of the respective parcels. *See* Exhibit "A" attached hereto for a map of the parcels. Design and construction of new infrastructure is required before completion of the Transaction due to the size and poor condition of the existing infrastructure and because the City is committed to providing continuous and adequate service to all of its customers, as prescribed by TEX. WATER CODE § 13.250 and 16 TEX. ADMIN. Code § 24.225. Coordination with TxDOT is also needed for construction because the Department is completing a project in the area at issue in the Transaction. The City is also working on an agreement with Lakeside that is intended to fully consummate the Transaction.

As stated in the City's March update, thirty (30) future customers located within Parcel 5 have agreed to let the City install the thermal expansion tanks and PRVs necessary to connect them to the City's system at the appropriate time. The City provided a list of these future customers to a contractor who will complete installation of the tanks and PRVs. The contractor and the City have also successfully negotiated a change order that will provide for the construction of the remaining water lines within Parcel 5. The City's water department must receive approval from the Fort Worth City Council to proceed with the change order. This is anticipated to occur in May.

The status of the customer transfers and potential connections is depicted in Exhibit "A" attached hereto. As of this month, the Applicants have completed a draft agreement intended to consummate the transaction. The City and Lakeside will fully execute this agreement at a date closer to when the City is prepared to provide continuous and adequate service to all of the parcels. No other notable changes to the status of the Transaction have occurred since the City's last update. The City is willing and available to answer any questions posed by the ALJ or PUC staff.

Respectfully submitted,

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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I certify that on the 21st day of April, 2023, a true and correct copy of the foregoing "The City of Fort Worth's April Update" was delivered to the individuals listed below by the method indicated.

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