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### PETITION OF CR FARMS, LLC TO AMEND QUADVEST, LP'S CERTIFICATES OF CONVENIENCE AND NECESSITY IN LIBERTY COUNTY BY EXPEDITED RELEASE

#### PUBLIC UTILITY COMMISSION

OF TEXAS

#### COMMISSION STAFF'S RECOMMENDATION ON FINAL DISPOSITION

On September 27, 2021, CR Farms, LLC (CR Farms) filed a petition for streamlined expedited release from Quadvest, LP's (Quadvest) water Certificate of Convenience and Necessity (CCN) No. 11612 and sewer CCN No. 20952 under Texas Water Code (TWC) § 13.2541 and 16 Texas Administrative Code (TAC) § 24.245(h). CR Farms asserts that the land to be released is at least 25 contiguous acres, is not receiving water or sewer service, and is located in Liberty County, which is a qualifying county.<sup>1</sup> According to the 2010 Census,<sup>2</sup> Liberty County has a population of 75,643.<sup>3</sup> Additionally, Liberty County is adjacent to Harris County, which has a population of 4,092,459.<sup>4</sup> CR Farms filed supplemental information on October 5, 2021 and November 15, 2021.

On December 16, 2021, the administrative law judge (ALJ) filed Order No. 3, establishing a deadline of January 19, 2022 for the Staff (Staff) of the Public Utility Commission of Texas (Commission) to file a recommendation on final disposition. Therefore, this pleading is timely filed.

#### I. RECOMMENDATION ON FINAL DISPOSITION

Staff has reviewed the petition and supplemental information and, as detailed in the attached memorandum from Pai Liu, Infrastructure Division, recommends that the petition satisfies the requirements of TWC § 13.2541 and 16 TAC § 24.245(h). Quadvest did not file a

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> TWC § 13.2541(b) and 16 TAC § 24.245(h)(2).

 $<sup>^2</sup>$  See Tex. Gov't Code § 2058.0021 for applicability of 2010 Census in determination whether the land is in a qualifying county.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>3</sup> U.S. Census Bureau, Census Data for Liberty County, QuickFacts Liberty County, Texas (2010) https://www.census.gov/quickfacts/fact/table/libertycountytexas/POP010210 (last accessed Jan. 18, 2022)

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>4</sup> U.S. Census Bureau, Census Data for Harris County, QuickFacts Harris County, Texas (2020) https://www.census.gov/quickfacts/fact/table/harriscountytexas/POP010210 (last accessed Jan. 18, 2022).

response to the petition. Accordingly, Staff recommends that the petition for streamlined expedited release be approved. Further, the final water CCN map and certificate are attached to this filing. Staff recommends that the final map and certificate be provided to Quadvest and for Quadvest to file a certified copy of the CCN map and a boundary description of the CCN service area in the Liberty County Clerk's office, as required under TWC § 13.257(r)-(s).

Additionally, Staff notes that on January 13, 2022, CR Farms and Quadvest filed a joint filing regarding compensation, agreeing that no compensation is owed to Quadvest. As such, CR Farms and Quadvest requested that the Commission issue a notice of approval, making a determination on compensation, and acknowledge that CR Farms does not owe compensation to Quadvest. Staff recommends that this request be taken into consideration for the Commission's subsequent order, in the event streamlined expedited release is granted.

#### II. CONCLUSION

For the reasons detailed above, Staff recommends that the petition be approved and respectfully requests the entry of an order consistent with the foregoing recommendations.

Dated: January 19, 2022

Respectfully submitted,

### PUBLIC UTILITY COMMISSION OF TEXAS LEGAL DIVISION

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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 on January 19, 2022, in accordance with the Order Suspending Rules, issued in Project No. 50664.

/s/ Scott Miles Scott Miles

## Memorandum

то:	Scott Miles, Attorney Legal Division
FROM:	Pai Liu, Infrastructure Analyst Infrastructure Division
DATE:	January 19, 2022
RE:	Docket No. 52642 – Petition of CR Farms, Ll Certificates of Convenience and Necessity in

**RE:** Docket No. 52642 – *Petition of CR Farms, LLC to Amend Quadvest, LP's Certificates of Convenience and Necessity in Liberty County by Expedited Release* 

On September 27, 2021, CR Farms, LLC (CR Farms) filed a petition for streamlined expedited release from Quadvest, LP's (Quadvest) water Certificate of Convenience and Necessity (CCN) No. 11612 and sewer CCN No. 20952 in Liberty County, under Texas Water Code (TWC) § 13.2541(b) and 16 Texas Administrative Code (TAC) § 24.245(h). CR Farms asserts that the land is at least 25 contiguous acres, is not receiving water or sewer service, and is located in Liberty County, which is a qualifying county.

Gary Horton, Infrastructure Division, determined the maps and digital data are sufficient for determining the location of the tract of land considered for streamlined expedited release is located within Quadvest's water and sewer CCNs. Furthermore, CR Farms provided a warranty deed confirming ownership of the tract of land within Quadvest's certificated service area. In addition, CR Farms submitted a sworn affidavit attesting that the property was not receiving water or sewer service from the CCN holder.

Based on the mapping review by Mr. Horton, it was determined the landowner's total property is approximately 10,679 acres, which consists of two non-contiguous tracts of land owned by CR Farms, each of which meet the 25-acre requirement. In this petition, the relevant tract of land is approximately 7,918 acres, of which approximately 42 acres overlap and are to be decertified from Quadvest's CCN Nos. 11612 and 20952.

Quadvest did not request to intervene.

In accordance with TWC § 13.2541 and 16 TAC § 24.245(h), CR Farms has met the Commission's requirements to allow for the release of the tract of land from Quadvest's CCN Nos. 11612 and 20952. Therefore, I recommend approval of the petition. Enclosed are the final maps and certificates for Commission approval.

Additionally, I recommend that the final maps and certificates be provided to Quadvest.



## **Public Utility Commission**

## of Texas

## By These Presents Be It Known To All That

## Quadvest, LP

having obtained certification to provide water utility service for the convenience and necessity of the public, and it having been determined by this Commission that the public convenience and necessity would in fact be advanced by the provision of such service, Quadvest, LP is entitled to this

### Certificate of Convenience and Necessity No. 11612

to provide continuous and adequate water utility service to that service area or those service areas in Aransas, Brazoria, Fort Bend, Harris, Jackson, Liberty, Matagorda, Montgomery, Walker, and Waller Counties as by final Order or Orders duly entered by this Commission, which Order or Orders resulting from Docket No. 52642 are on file at the Commission offices in Austin, Texas; and are a matter of official record available for public inspection; and be it known further that these presents do evidence the authority and the duty of Quadvest, LP to provide such utility service in accordance with the laws of this State and Rules of this Commission, subject only to any power and responsibility of this Commission to revoke or amend this Certificate in whole or in part upon a subsequent showing that the public convenience and necessity would be better served thereby.



# Public Utility Commission of Texas

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having obtained certification to provide sewer utility service for the convenience and necessity of the public, and it having been determined by this Commission that the public convenience and necessity would in fact be advanced by the provision of such service, Quadvest, LP is entitled to this

## Certificate of Convenience and Necessity No. 20952

to provide continuous and adequate sewer utility service to that service area or those service areas in Fort Bend, Harris, Liberty, Montgomery, and Waller Counties as by final Order or Orders duly entered by this Commission, which Order or Orders resulting from Docket No. 52642 are on file at the Commission offices in Austin, Texas; and are a matter of official record available for public inspection; and be it known further that these presents do evidence the authority and the duty of Quadvest, LP to provide such utility service in accordance with the laws of this State and Rules of this Commission, subject only to any power and responsibility of this Commission to revoke or amend this Certificate in whole or in part upon a subsequent showing that the public convenience and necessity would be better served thereby.



