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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

NOTICE OF APPROVAL MAKING A DETERMINATION ON COMPENSATION

In this Notice of Approval, the Commission determines that, for the streamlined expedited release granted in this docket, CR Farms, LLC owes no compensation to Quadvest, LP under Texas Water Code (TWC) § 13.2541. The Commission previously granted streamlined expedited release and removed two portions of a tract of land from Quadvest, LP's certificated service areas under certificate of convenience and necessity (CCN) numbers 11612 and 20952. The Commission's determination on compensation is based on an agreement between CR Farms and Quadvest.

I. Findings of Fact

The Commission makes the following findings of fact.

Petitioner

1. CR Farms is a Texas limited liability company registered with the Texas secretary of state under filing number 803060340.

CCN Holder

- 2. Quadvest is a Texas limited partnership registered with the Texas secretary of state under filing number 800539284.
- 3. Quadvest holds water CCN number 11612 that obligates it to provide retail water service in its certificated service area in Liberty County.
- 4. Quadvest holds sewer CCN number 20952 that obligates it to provide retail sewer service in its certificated service area in Liberty County.

<u>Petition</u>

5. On September 27, 2021, the petitioner filed a petition for streamlined expedited release of two portions of a tract of land from the CCN holder's service areas under water CCN number 11612 and sewer CCN number 20952.

- 6. In Order No. 6 filed on March 1, 2022, the Commission granted the petition and released the two portions of the petitioner's tract of land from the CCN holder's certificated service areas.
- 7. Ordering paragraph 7 of Order No. 6 states that, if streamlined expedited release was granted, this docket would continue for the purpose of determining compensation in accordance with the schedule adopted in Order No. 3 filed on December 16, 2021.

Appraisers and Appraisals

8. No appraisers are needed to determine compensation in this docket because of the agreement between the petitioner and the CCN holder

Compensation

9. On January 13, 2022, the petitioner and the CCN holder filed a joint agreement in which they agreed that no compensation is owed to the CCN holder as a result of the streamlined expedited release.

II. Conclusions of Law

The Commission makes the following conclusions of law.

- 1. The Commission has authority to determine the amount of compensation to be awarded after granting streamlined expedited release under TWC §§ 13.254 and 13.2541.
- 2. No notice is required to determine the amount of compensation.
- 3. No opportunity for a hearing to determine compensation for streamlined expedited release is provided under TWC § 13.2541 or 16 Texas Administrative Code (TAC) § 24.245(h)(7).
- 4. The determination on compensation under TWC § 13.2541 and 16 TAC § 24.245(i) is not a contested case.
- 5. Under 16 TAC § 24.245(i)(1), if the former CCN holder and landowner agree on the amount of compensation to be paid, they may forego the appraisal process and make a joint filing with the Commission stating the amount of the compensation to be paid.
- 6. No compensation is owed by the petitioner to the CCN holder for the release under TWC § 13.2541.

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7. The Commission processed the petition in accordance with the TWC and Commission rules.

III. Ordering Paragraphs

In accordance with these findings of fact and conclusions of law, the Commission issues the following orders.

- 1. No compensation is owed by the petitioner to the CCN holder for the streamlined expedited release.
- 2. The Commission denies all other motions and any other requests for general or specific relief that have not been expressly granted.

Signed at Austin, Texas the 3rd day of March 2022.

PUBLIC UTILITY COMMISSION OF TEXAS

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