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APPLICATION OF RJR WATER	§	PUBLIC UTILITY COMMISSION
COMPANY, INC. AND CSWR-TEXAS	§	
UTILITY OPERATING COMPANY,	§	OF TEXAS
LLC FOR SALE, TRANSFER, OR	§	
MERGER OF FACILITIES AND	§	
CERTIFICATE RIGHTS IN PARKER	§	
AND PALO PINTO COUNTIES	§	

**COMMISSION STAFF’S RECOMMENDATION ON SUFFICIENCY OF THE
CLOSING DOCUMENTS AND PROPOSED PROCEDURAL SCHEDULE**

I. BACKGROUND

On October 12, 2021, CSWR-Texas Utility Operating Company, LLC (CSWR-Texas) and RJR Water Company, Inc. (RJR) (collectively, Applicants) filed an application for approval of the sale and transfer of facilities and certificate rights in Parker and Palo Pinto Counties, Texas. Specifically, CSWR-Texas, Certificate of Convenience and Necessity (CCN) No. 13290, seeks approval to acquire facilities and to transfer all water service areas from RJR under water CCN No. 12139, the cancellation of RJR’s water CCN No. 12139, and the amendment of CSWR-Texas’ CCN No. 13290 to include the area previously included in RJR’s water CCN No. 12139. The requested area includes 136 customer connections and approximately 346 acres of transferred area from RJR’s water CCN No. 12139 to CSWR’s water CCN No. 13290.

On April 12, 2022, the administrative law judge (ALJ) filed Order No. 7, approving the sale and transfer to proceed and requiring the Applicants to file proof that the transaction had been consummated and to address any customer deposits, if any, no later than 30 days after the effective date of the transaction. The ALJ also required the Staff (Staff) of the Public Utility Commission of Texas (Commission) to file a recommendation regarding the sufficiency of the Applicants’ closing documents and to propose a procedural schedule within 15 days of the closing documents being filed. On May 25, 2023, the Applicants filed a notice of the completed transaction. Fifteen days from May 25, 2023 is June 9, 2023; therefore, this pleading is timely filed.

II. RECOMMENDATION ON SUFFICIENCY OF CLOSING DOCUMENTS

Staff has reviewed the Applicants’ proof of closing and recommends that the closing documents satisfy the requirements under 16 Texas Administrative Code (TAC) § 24.239(l). Specifically, the closing documents include a proper bill of sale that is signed by both

Applicants. Staff notes that there are no customer deposits to be addressed as required by 16 TAC § 24.239(k). Therefore, Staff recommends that the Applicants' proof of closing be found sufficient.

III. PROPOSED PROCEDURAL SCHEDULE

Staff recommends that the Applicants' closing documents be found sufficient. Therefore, Staff proposes the following procedural schedule for continued processing of this docket:

Event	Date
Deadline for Staff to provide final maps, certificates, and tariffs (if applicable) to Applicants for review and consent	June 23, 2023
Deadline for Applicants to file signed consent forms with the Commission	July 7, 2023
Deadline for parties to file joint proposed findings of fact, conclusions of law, and ordering paragraphs	July 21, 2023

IV. CONCLUSION

For the reasons discussed above, Staff respectfully requests that an order be issued allowing the proposed transaction to proceed.

Dated: June 9, 2023

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 via electronic mail on June 9, 2023, in accordance with the Order Suspending Rules, issued in Project No. 50664.

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