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APPLICATION OF FLAT FORK	§	PUBLIC UTILITY COMMISSION
WATER SUPPLY CORPORATION AND	§	
CITY OF CENTER FOR SALE,	§	OF TEXAS
TRANSFER, OR MERGER OF	§	
FACILITIES AND CERTIFICATE	§	
RIGHTS IN SHELBY COUNTY	§	

ORDER NO. 16
FINDING CLOSING DOCUMENTATION SUFFICIENT, GRANTING
GOOD CAUSE, AND ESTABLISHING PROCEDURAL SCHEDULE

This Order addresses the sufficiency of the closing documentation filed by Flat Fort Water Supply Corporation and the City of Center on December 14, 2022, and January 4, 18, and 26, 2023. The closing documents include (a) a letter dated December 5, 2022, from the City of Center that describes the transfer of the meters and customers from Flat Fork WSC to Center; (b) a separately filed a spreadsheet with the names and addresses of all customers with a deposit on record, the date each deposit was made, and the amount of each deposit; and (c) the affidavit dated January 26, 2023, of Glynn Russell, Flat Fork WSC’s president, attesting that all customer deposits held by Flat Fork WSC were transferred to Center and that there was no interest accrued on any deposits transferred.

On February 10, 2023, Commission Staff filed a recommendation on the sufficiency of the closing documentation. Commission Staff also recommended the administrative law judge (ALJ) grant a good cause exception to the 30-day requirement in 16 Texas Administrative Code (TAC) § 24.239(*I*). The applicants stated that due to a misunderstanding of the rules and the lack of assistance from counsel, it made honest mistakes as to the timing of their filings. Commission Staff recommends that though the applications have not explicitly requested a good cause exception, a good cause exception is merited in this situation.

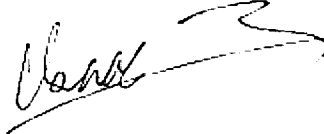
The ALJ finds the closing documentation sufficient and grants a good-cause exception under 16 TAC § 24.2(b) to the 30-day deadline in 16 TAC § 24.239(*I*).

The ALJ adopts the following procedural schedule for continued processing of this docket:

Events	Date
Deadline for Commission Staff to provide final maps, certificates, and tariffs (if applicable), to the applicants for review and consent	February 27, 2023
Deadline for the applicants to file signed consent forms with the Commission	March 6, 2023
Deadline for parties to jointly file proposed notice of approval, including findings of fact, conclusions of law, and ordering paragraphs	March 15, 2023

Signed at Austin, Texas the 13th day of February 2023.

PUBLIC UTILITY COMMISSION OF TEXAS



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ADMINISTRATIVE LAW JUDGE**