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APPLICATION OF MONARCH UTILITIES I L.P. TO AMEND ITS CERTIFICATES OF CONVENIENCE AND NECESSITY IN HARRIS, LIBERTY, AND MONTGOMERY COUNTIES	§ § § § § §	PUBLIC UTILITY COMMISSION OF TEXAS
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COMMISSION STAFF’S RECOMMENDATION ON NOTICE

On February 11, 2022, Monarch Utilities I L.P (Monarch) filed an application to amend its water Certificate of Convenience and Necessity (CCN) No. 12983 and sewer CCN No. 20899 in Harris, Liberty, and Montgomery counties.

On March 11, 2022, the administrative law judge (ALJ) filed Order No. 2, establishing a deadline for the Staff (Staff) of the Public Utility Commission of Texas (Commission) to file a recommendation on sufficiency of notice by April 25, 2022. Therefore, this pleading is timely filed.

I. RECOMMENDATION ON NOTICE

Staff has reviewed the proof of notice filed by Monarch on April 11, 2022. Monarch filed a publisher’s affidavit and tear sheet showing that notice was published in the *Houston Business Journal*, a newspaper of general circulation in Harris, Liberty, and Montgomery counties, on March 18 and March 25, 2022. Monarch filed the publisher’s affidavit in the docket within 30 days of the last publication date.

Monarch also filed an affidavit attesting to the provision of notice to current customers, neighboring utilities, and affected parties on March 18, 2022, along with a list of the entities noticed and a copy of the notice and maps sent. Monarch filed the affidavit in the docket within 30 days of the date of notice. Staff has reviewed Monarch’s proof of notice and recommends that Monarch provided notice in accordance with Staff’s Recommendation on Administrative Completeness and Notice filed on March 10, 2022 and 16 Texas Administrative Code § 24.235. Therefore, Staff recommends that Monarch’s notice be deemed sufficient..

II. PROCEDURAL SCHEDULE

Staff proposes the following procedural schedule:

Event	Date
Notice completed	March 25, 2022
Deadline to intervene	April 25, 2022 ¹
Deadline for Staff to provide final maps, certificates, and tariffs (if applicable) to Monarch for review and consent	May 25, 2022
Deadline for Monarch to file signed consent forms with the Commission	June 8, 2022
If no hearing is requested, deadline for Staff to file a final recommendation on the Application	June 22, 2022
If no hearing is requested, deadline for parties to file joint proposed findings of fact and conclusions of law	July 13, 2022

III. CONCLUSION

Staff respectfully recommends that Monarch’s notice be deemed sufficient and that the proposed procedural schedule be adopted.

¹ Under 16 TAC § 24.235(a)(3), the intervention period is 30 days from the mailing or publication of notice, whichever occurs later, unless otherwise provided by the presiding officer. Notice was mailed on March 18, 2022, and published on March 18, 2022 and March 25, 2022. Therefore, 30 days after March 25, 2022 is April 24, 2022. Because April 24, 2022 is a Sunday and therefore a day on which Commission is closed for business, under 16 TAC § 22.4(a), the deadline is moved to the next day the Commission is open for business, April 25, 2022.

Dated: April 21, 2022

Respectfully Submitted,
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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 April 21, 2022 in accordance with the Order Suspending Rules filed in Project No. 50664.

/s/ Merritt Lander
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