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APPLICATION OF DRAUPNIR	§	PUBLIC UTILITY COMMISSION
INFRASTRUCTURE GROUP, LLC	§	
FOR A CERTIFICATE OF OPERATING	§	OF TEXAS
AUTHORITY	§	

COMMISSION STAFF'S RECOMMENDATION ON ELIGIBILITY AND APPLICANT'S NAME

On February 15, 2022, Draupnir Infrastructure Group, LLC (Draupnir) filed an application for approval of a certificate of operating authority (COA), pursuant to Public Utility Regulatory Act, Tex. Util. Code Ann. §§ 54.101-.111 (PURA) and 16 Texas Administrative Code (TAC) § 26.111. Draupnir filed an application requesting a COA to provide facilities-based, data, and resale telecommunication services throughout Texas. Draupnir is requesting a COA be issued under the name "Draupnir Infrastructure Group, LLC."

Order No. 1, filed on February 18, 2022, gave the Staff (Staff) of the Public Utility Commission of Texas (Commission) a deadline of February 22, 2022 to file a recommendation regarding Draupnir's eligibility and requested name. This pleading is therefore timely filed.

I. RECOMMENDATION

Staff has reviewed the application and recommends that Draupnir is eligible to obtain a COA under 16 TAC § 26.111(c). Specifically, Draupnir's application has demonstrated that it is not a municipality, ¹ and that it has properly separated its business operations from any affiliates holding a certificate of convenience and necessity because Draupnir asserts that they have no affiliates. ²

Staff has also reviewed the name that Draupnir requested, "Draupnir Infrastructure Group, LLC," and recommends that the name meets the requirements of 16 TAC § 26.111(h). The requested name is registered and in good standing with the Secretary of State.³ Additionally, a search of the Commission's database did not reveal any name conflicts.⁴ Therefore, the requested

¹ 16 TAC § 26.111(c)(1).

² Application, Question No. 8, 14 (Feb. 15, 2022).

³ 16 TAC § 26.111(h)(1).

⁴ 16 TAC § 26.111(h)(2).

name of "Draupnir Infrastructure Group, LLC" is distinctive, registered, and acceptable under 16 TAC § 26.111(h). This recommendation does not address the merits of the application.

II. CONCLUSION

For the reasons discussed above, Staff respectfully requests the entry of an order consistent with the above recommendation.

Dated: February 22, 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 via electronic mail on February 22, 2022, in accordance with the Order Suspending Rules, issued in Project No. 50664.

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