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APPLICATION OF MAUKA WATER LP AND JAMES A. DYCHE DBA CREST WATER COMPANY FOR SALE, TRANSFER, OR MERGER OF FACILITIES AND CERTIFICATE RIGHT IN JOHNSON COUNTY PUBLIC UTILITY COMMISSION

OF TEXAS

COMMISSION STAFF'S RECOMMENDATION ON SUFFICIENCY OF NOTICE

On February 18, 2022, Mauka Water LP (Mauka Water) and James A. Dyche dba Crest Water Company (Crest Water) (jointly, Applicants) filed an application for approval of the sale, transfer, or merger of facilities and certificate of convenience and necessity (CCN) rights in Johnson County. Applicants seek approval to sell and transfer Mauka Water's facilities and all of Mauka Water's certificated area under CCN No. 12917 to Crest Water. The application reflects a requested area of 340 acres and 339 customers.

On June 6, 2022, the administrative law judge filed Order No. 4, directing the Staff (Staff) of the Public Utility Commission of Texas (Commission) to file a recommendation on sufficiency of notice by July 28, 2022. Therefore, this pleading is timely filed.

I. RECOMMENDATION ON NOTICE

Staff has reviewed the original notice documentation filed by Applicants on July 18, 2022 and recommends that notice is sufficient. Specifically, Applicants provided an affidavit of notice dated July 6, 2022, and signed by Marcia Dyche, co-owner of Crest Water Company, that notice was provided on June 7, 2022, to all current customers, neighboring utilities, political subdivisions, and other persons listed in James Harville's memorandum of June 3, 2022, using the notice forms provided by Staff and the maps deemed sufficient. Applicants also provide a copy of its publication and publisher's affidavit indicating that notice was published in the *Fort Worth Star-Telegram*, a newspaper of general circulation in Tarrant County on July 11 and 18, 2022. Staff has reviewed Applicants' proof of notice and accompanying documentation and recommends that the notice documents provided are sufficient and fulfill the notice requirements in this matter.

II. CONCLUSION

For the reasons detailed above, Staff recommends that Applicants' notice be deemed sufficient. Staff respectfully requests the entry of an order consistent with the foregoing recommendation.

Dated: July 28, 2022

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 July 28, 2022, in accordance with the Order Suspending Rules, issued in Project No. 50664.

/s/ Ian Groetsch Ian Groetsch