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APPLICATION OF CSWR-TEXAS § PUBLIC UTILITY COMMISSION
UTILITY OPERATING COMPANY §
LLC AND ARANSAS BAY UTILITIES §
CO., LLC FOR SALE, TRANSFER, OR § OF TEXAS
MERGER OF FACILITIES AND §
CERTIFICATE RIGHTS IN ARANSAS §
COUNTY

COMMISSION STAFF’S RECOMMENDATION ON SUFFICIENCY OF CLOSING DOCUMENTS

On March 10, 2022, CSWR-Texas Utility Operating Company, LLC (CSWR-Texas) and Aransas Bay Utilities Co., LLC (Aransas Bay Utilities) (collectively, the Applicants) filed an application for sale, transfer, or merger (STM) of facilities and certificate rights in Aransas County. Specifically, CSWR-Texas seeks approval to acquire facilities and to transfer water and sewer service areas held under water Certificate of Convenience and Necessity (CCN) No. 13290 and sewer CCN No. 21120. The requested area includes approximately 282 acres, 409 water customer connections, and 35 sewer customer connections. The Applicants filed supplemental information on March 28, 2022, April 14, 2022, May 9, 2022, June 14, 2022, June 20, 2022, July 5, 2022.

On August 23, 2022, the administrative law judge (ALJ) filed Order No. 6, requiring the Staff (Staff) of the Public Utility Commission of Texas (Commission) to file a recommendation on the sufficiency of closing documents within 15 days of the Applicants filing proof that the transaction has been consummated. The Applicants filed proof that the transaction had been consummated on September 12, 2022. Therefore, this pleading is timely filed.

I. SUFFICIENCY OF CLOSING DOCUMENTS

Staff has reviewed the closing documents filed by the Applicants on September 12, 2022 and recommends that they be found sufficient. Based on its review, Staff has determined that the Applicants' filing meets the requirements of 16 TAC § 24.239(a) and (k)-(m). Therefore, Staff recommends that the closing documents be found sufficient.

II. PROPOSED PROCEDURAL SCHEDULE

In accordance with Staff's recommendation that Applicants' closing documents be found sufficient, Staff proposes the following procedural schedule for continued processing of the docket:

Event	Date
Deadline for Staff to provide final maps, certificates, and tariffs (if applicable) to Applicants for review and consent.	October 27, 2022
Deadline for Applicants to file signed consent forms with the Commission.	November 4, 2022
Deadline for parties to jointly file a proposed notice of Approval, including proposed findings of fact, conclusions of law, and ordering paragraphs.	November 18, 2022

III. CONCLUSION

For the reasons detailed above, Staff respectfully requests that an order be issued finding that the closing documents filed by the Applicants are sufficient. Staff further requests that the procedural schedule proposed above be adopted for continued processing of this docket.

Dated: September 27, 2022

Respectfully submitted,

**PUBLIC UTILITY COMMISSION OF TEXAS
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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 September 27, 2022, in accordance with the Order Suspending Rules, issued in Project No. 50664.

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