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APPLICATION OF CSWR-TEXAS	§	PUBLIC UTILITY COMMISSION
UTILITY OPERATING COMPANY	§	
LLC AND WATER WORKS I AND II	§	OF TEXAS
FOR SALE, TRANSFER, OR MERGER	§	
OF FACILITIES AND CERTIFICATE	§	
RIGHTS IN LLANO COUNTY	§	

ORDER NO. 7
GRANTING, ON A LIMITED BASIS, REQUESTS TO INTERVENE

This Order addresses Mark Blankenship’s June 17 and 24, 2022 requests to intervene in this proceeding. Mr. Blankenship states that he and his wife have a contract with Water Works I and II to purchase a portion of the property included in the application and that their contract predates the contract between CSWR-Texas Utility Operating Company and Water Works I and II.

On June 24, 2022, CSWR-Texas filed a response to Mr. Blankenship’s requests to intervene, stating that Mr. Blankenship is a customer of Water Works I and II and has a right to intervene in this case, but intervention should be limited to his status as a customer.

On July 8, 2022, Commission Staff filed a response to Mr. Blankenship’s requests to intervene. Specifically, Commission Staff states that this transaction, under Texas Water Code (TWC) § 13.301, is limited to examining whether CSWR-Texas has demonstrated adequate financial, managerial, and technical capability for providing continuous and adequate service to the requested area and whether CSWR-Texas has met the criteria listed under TWC § 13.246(c). Commission Staff asserts that it is not opposed to Mr. Blankenship being allowed to intervene provided the intervention is limited to his status as a customer of Water Works I and II. Commission Staff contends that, to the extent his requests represent the ongoing contractual dispute with Water Works I and II, they are outside the scope of the Commission’s jurisdiction.

Mr. Blankenship did not file a reply to CSWR-Texas’s response to his request to intervene.

Mr. Blankenship’s requests to intervene are granted, on a limited basis, in his capacity as a customer of Water Works I and II.

For service of pleadings, the service list in this proceeding is available from the Public Utility Commission of Texas by emailing Docket Management at CADMOOrders@puc.texas.gov and requesting a copy of the service list in Docket No. 53430. **Service of pleadings is typically governed by 16 Texas Administrative Code (TAC) § 22.74. However, the Commission has issued a Second Order Suspending Rules,¹ which has suspended certain service requirements found in 16 TAC § 22.74. Accordingly, a filing party must provide notice by e-mail of any pleading or document filed. It will be incumbent upon all other parties to obtain a copy of the pleading or document by accessing the Interchange.**

All parties must provide their current address, **e-mail address**, telephone and fax numbers, if available, to all other parties and the Commission by filing and serving all parties with such information. Each party must provide the Commission and all parties with updated address, **e-mail address**, telephone, and fax information if such information changes. **The e-mail addresses**, telephone and fax numbers will be placed on the service list for the convenience of the parties. Parties are responsible for updating their own service lists to reflect changed information and the addition of any other parties.

Filing of pleadings is typically governed by 16 TAC § 22.71. However, the Commission's Second Order Suspending Rules suspended certain filing requirements found in 16 TAC § 22.71. As long as the Second Order Suspending Rules remains in effect, all parties must file any pleading or document with the Commission solely through the Interchange on the Commission's website (<https://interchange.puc.texas.gov/filer>) and provide notice, by e-mail, to all other parties that the pleading or document has been filed with the Commission, unless otherwise ordered by the presiding officer. It will be incumbent upon all other parties to obtain a copy of the pleading or document by accessing the Interchange.

¹ *Issues Related to the State of Disaster for the Coronavirus Disease*, Docket No. 50664, Second Order Suspending Rules (July 16, 2020).

Signed at Austin, Texas the 12th day of July 2022.

PUBLIC UTILITY COMMISSION OF TEXAS

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Katie Moore Marx". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large initial 'K' and 'M'.

KATIE MOORE MARX
ADMINISTRATIVE LAW JUDGE