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APPLICATION OF CSWR-TEXAS	§	<b>PUBLIC UTILITY COMMISSION</b>
UTILITY OPERATING COMPANY,	§	
LLC AND LAKE LIMESTONE COVES	§	OF TEXAS
WATER SYSTEM, INC. FOR SALE,	§	
TRANSFER, OR MERGER OF	§	
FACILITIES AND CERTIFICATE	§	
RIGHTS IN LIMESTONE AND	§	
ROBERTSON COUNTIES	§	

### COMMISSION STAFF'S RECOMMENDATION ON SUFFICIENCY OF NOTICE

On April 6, 2022, CSWR-Texas Utility Operating Company, LLC (CSWR-Texas) and Lake Limestone Coves Water System, Inc. (Lake Limestone) (collectively, Applicants) filed an application for approval of the sale, transfer, or merger of facilities and certificate of convenience and necessity (CCN) rights in Limestone and Robertson counties. CSWR-Texas, water CCN No. 13290, seeks approval to acquire facilities and to transfer all of the water service area from Lake Limestone under water CCN No. 11909.

On May 11, 2022, the administrative law judge (ALJ) filed Order No. 2, directing the Staff (Staff) of the Public Utility Commission of Texas (Commission) to file a recommendation on the sufficiency of notice and propose a procedural schedule by June 30, 2022. Therefore, this pleading is timely filed.

#### I. RECOMMENDATION ON NOTICE

Staff has reviewed the proof of notice submitted by Applicants and recommends that it be found sufficient under 16 Texas Administrative Code (TAC) § 24.239(c). Order No. 2 required the Applicants to provide notice of the application as described in the May 6, 2022 memorandum of Patricia Garcia, using the included forms. On May 26, 2022, Applicants filed the affidavit of Aaron Silas, Regulatory Case Manager, indicating that notice was provided to all current customers, neighboring utilities, and affected parties via mail on May 19, 2022. The Applicants also included a list of customers that matches the list of customers included with the application.

## II. PROCEDURAL SCHEDULE

Staff recommends that the notice be found sufficient. Therefore, Staff proposes the following procedural schedule:

Event	Date
Notice completed	May 19, 2022
Deadline to intervene	June 20, 2022
Deadline for Staff to request a hearing or file a recommendation on approval of the sale and on the CCN amendment	July 30, 2022
Deadline for parties to file a response to Staff's recommendation on approval of the sale	August 3, 2022
Deadline for parties to file a joint motion to admit evidence and proposed order approving sale and allowing transaction to proceed.	August 17, 2022
120-day deadline for the Commission to approve the sale or require a hearing	September 16, 2022

## III. CONCLUSION

For the reasons detailed above, Staff respectfully recommends that the notice provided by the Applicants be deemed sufficient and that the proposed procedural schedule be adopted.

Dated: June 29, 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 June 29, 2022, in accordance with the Order Suspending Rules, issued in Project No. 50664.

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