



## **Filing Receipt**

**Filing Date - 2024-07-08 11:48:03 AM**

**Control Number - 53630**

**Item Number - 107**

**DOCKET NO. 53630**

<b>APPLICATION OF ORBIT SYSTEMS, INC. AND UNDINE TEXAS ENVIRONMENTAL, LLC FOR SALE, TRANSFER, OR MERGER OF FACILITIES AND CERTIFICATE RIGHTS IN BRAZORIA COUNTY</b>	<b>§ § § § § §</b>	<b>PUBLIC UTILITY COMMISSION      OF TEXAS</b>
---	--	--

**COMMISSION STAFF’S RECOMMENDATION ON SUFFICIENCY OF CLOSING  
DOCUMENTS AND PROPOSED PROCEDURAL SCHEDULE**

**I. INTRODUCTION**

On May 23, 2022, Undine Texas Environmental, LLC (Undine) and Orbit Systems, Inc. (Orbit) (collectively, the “Applicants”) filed an application for approval of the sale, transfer, or merger (STM) of facilities and certificate rights in Brazoria County.

On May 17, 2024, the administrative law judge (ALJ) filed Order No. 31, approving the sale and transfer to proceed and requiring the Applicants to file proof that the transaction had been consummated and to address customer deposits, if any, no later than 30 days after the effective date of the transaction. Order No. 31 also required the Staff (Staff) of the Public Utility Commission of Texas (Commission) to file a recommendation regarding the sufficiency of the Applicants’ closing documents and to propose a schedule for continued processing of this docket within 15 days of the filing of the closing documents. On June 20, 2024, the Applicants filed notice of the completed transaction and evidence of closing. Fifteen days from June 20, 2024, is July 8, 2024.<sup>1</sup> Therefore, this pleading is timely filed.

**II. SUFFICIENCY OF CLOSING DOCUMENTS**

Staff has reviewed the closing documents filed by the Applicants on June 20, 2024, and recommends that they are sufficient and meet the requirements of 16 TAC § 24.239(a), (i), and (k)-(m). Specifically, 16 TAC § 24.239(a) requires the filing of an STM application and the provision of public notice at least 120 days before the effective date of a proposed transaction. Additionally, under 16 TAC § 24.239(i), the proposed transaction may be completed at the end of the 120-day period or at any time after the transferee receives notice that a hearing will not be

---

<sup>1</sup> Under 16 TAC § 22.4(a), if the Commission is not open for business on the date of the deadline, the deadline moves to the next day on which the Commission is open for business. 15 days from June 20, 2024, is July 5, 2024. Therefore, the deadline moves to the next business day, Monday, July 8, 2024.

required. Further, under 16 TAC § 24.239(m), the proposed transaction must be completed within 180 days following the date of the Commission order allowing the transaction to proceed. Lastly, under 16 TAC § 24.239(l), the closing documents for the transaction must include a signed contract, bill of sale, or other appropriate documents as evidence that the transaction has closed as proposed, be signed by both the transferor and transferee, and be filed within 30 days after the actual effective date of the transaction. Based on Staff's review of the closing documents, Staff recommends that the Applicants properly and timely filed notice of the completed transaction, which included a bill of sale signed by both the transferor and the transferee.

Regarding customer deposits, in the Applicants closing documentation, an affidavit of Vance Tillman, Chief Financial Officer of Undine, certified that all customer deposits held were returned or refunded to customers in accordance with the appropriate tariff and the Commission's rules. Therefore, Staff recommends a finding that customer deposits have been adequately addressed as required by 16 TAC § 24.239(k) and (l).

For these reasons, Staff recommends that the Applicants have complied with the applicable closing requirements of 16 TAC § 24.239. Staff therefore recommends that the closing documents and customer deposit information be found sufficient.

### **III. PROPOSED PROCEDURAL SCHEDULE**

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

<b>Event</b>	<b>Date</b>
Deadline for Commission Staff to provide final maps, certificates, and tariffs (if applicable), to applicants for review and consent	July 22, 2024
Deadline for applicants to file signed consent forms with the Commission	August 1, 2024
Deadline for parties to jointly file Proposed Notice of Approval, including findings of fact, conclusions of law, and ordering paragraphs	August 15, 2024

### **IV. CONCLUSION**

For the reasons discussed above, Staff respectfully requests that an order be issued finding the Applicants' closing documents sufficient and adopting the proposed procedural schedule.

Dated: July 8, 2024

Respectfully submitted,

**PUBLIC UTILITY COMMISSION OF TEXAS  
LEGAL DIVISION**

Marisa Lopez Wagley  
Division Director

Anthony Kanalas  
Managing Attorney

/s/ Cheri Hasz  
Cheri Hasz  
State Bar No. 24126575  
1701 N. Congress Avenue  
P.O Box 13326  
Austin, Texas 78711-3326  
(512) 936-7343  
(512) 936-7268 (facsimile)  
Cheri.Hasz@puc.texas.gov

**DOCKET NO. 53630**

**CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE**

I certify that unless otherwise ordered by the presiding officer, notice of the filing of this document will be provided to all parties of record via electronic mail on July 8, 2024 in accordance with the Second Order Suspending Rules, filed in Project No. 50664.

/s/ Cheri Hasz  
Cheri Hasz