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APPLICATION OF CLEARWATER	§	PUBLIC UTILITY COMMISSION
INVESTMENTS LLC AND KNOB HILL	§	
WATER SYSTEM FOR SALE,	§	
TRANSFER, OR MERGER OF	§	OF TEXAS
FACILITIES AND CERTIFICATE	§	
RIGHTS IN DENTON COUNTY	§	

**COMMISSION STAFF'S AMENDED SUPPLEMENTAL RECOMMENDATION ON
SUFFICIENCY OF NOTICE AND PROPOSED PROCEDURAL SCHEDULE**

On May 26, 2022, Clearwater Investments, LLC (Clearwater) and Knob Hill Water System (Knob Hill) (collectively, Applicants) filed an application for the sale and transfer of facilities and certificate rights in Denton County under the provisions of Texas Water Code § 13.301 and 16 Texas Administrative Code § 24.239. The Applicants filed supplemental information on June 15, 2022, August 8, 2022, December 2, 2022, January 27, 2023, and June 13, 2023.

On July 17, 2023, the administrative law judge (ALJ) filed Order No. 13, directing the Staff (Staff) of the Public Utility Commission of Texas (Commission) to file a joint motion to admit evidence and proposed order approving the sale by July 31, 2023. Therefore, this pleading is timely filed.

**I. AMENDED SUPPLEMENTAL RECOMMENDATION ON SUFFICIENCY OF
NOTICE**

On July 17, 2023, Staff filed its Supplemental Recommendation on Sufficiency of Notice. Staff has reviewed the supplemental proof of notice provided by Clearwater, along with its original notice and the maps provided on February 26, 2023, and recommends that notice is deficient. Specifically, Clearwater submitted the incorrect maps in its original notice filing on February 26, 2023. As such, Staff therefore recommends that Clearwater be required to reissue notice and that the following proposed procedural schedule be adopted for further processing of the matter.

II. PROPOSED PROCEDURAL SCHEDULE

Staff recommends that the notice provided by Clearwater be deemed insufficient. Therefore, Staff proposes the following procedural schedule:

Event	Date
Deadline for Clearwater to file proof of revised notice	August 21, 2023
Deadline for Commission Staff to file a supplemental recommendation on sufficiency of notice and proposed procedural schedule for the continued processing of this petition	September 6, 2023

III. CONCLUSION

For the reasons detailed above, Staff respectfully recommends that Clearwater's proof of notice be found insufficient and that the proposed procedural schedule be adopted for consideration. Staff respectfully requests the entry of an order consistent with the above recommendation.

Dated: July 28, 2023

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 July 28, 2023, in accordance with the Order Suspending Rules, issued in Project No. 50664.

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