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

COMMISSION STAFF'S RECOMMENDATION ON ADMINISTRATIVE COMPLETENESS AND 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, Texas under the provisions of Texas Water Code (TWC) § 13.301 and 16 Texas Administrative Code (TAC) § 24.239.

On June 27, 2022, the administrative law judge (ALJ) filed Order No. 2, establishing a deadline of August 11, 2022 for the Staff (Staff) of the Public Utility Commission of Texas (Commission) to file a recommendation on the sufficiency of notice. Therefore, this pleading is timely filed.

I. SUFFICIENCY OF NOTICE

Applicants filed an Affidavit of Notice to Current Customers, Neighboring Utilities, and Affected Parties on August 8, 2022 indicating that the notice of the application was mailed to the affected parties on August 4, 2022. Applicants filed the affidavit and a copy of the name and address of every person and entity to which notice and provided, the date notice was provided, accompanied by a map in the docket within 30 days of the date of notice.

Staff has reviewed Applicant's proof of notice and recommends that Applicants provided notice in accordance with Staff's Recommendation on Administrative Completeness and Proposed Notice filed on June 27, 2022. Therefore, Staff recommends that Applicants' notice of the application be deemed sufficient.

II. PROCEDURAL SCHEDULE

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

Event	Date
Notice complete	August 4, 2022
Deadline for intervention	September 3, 2022 ¹
Deadline for Staff to request a hearing or file a recommendation on the approval of the sale	October 1, 2022
Deadline for parties to file a response to Staff's recommendation on approval of sale	October 15, 2022
120 day deadline for the Commission to approve the sale or require a hearing	December 9, 2022 ²

III. CONCLUSION

For the reasons detailed above, Staff recommends that the notice be found sufficient and that the proposed procedural schedule be adopted.

¹ Under 16 TAC § 24.239(b), the intervention period shall not be less than thirty (30) days unless good cause is shown. Notice was mailed on August 4, 2022. Therefore, thirty (30) days after August 4, 2022 is September 3, 2022.
² Under 16 TAC § 24.239(a) and (i), the deadline for Commission action is one hundred twenty (120) days after the mailing or publication of notice, whichever occurs later. One hundred and twenty days after August 4, 2022 is December 9, 2022.

Dated: August 11, 2022

Respectfully submitted,

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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 August 11, 2022, in accordance with the Order Suspending Rules, issued in Project No. 50664.

/s/ Forrest Smith
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