



## **Filing Receipt**

**Filing Date - 2023-07-24 09:32:19 AM**

**Control Number - 53718**

**Item Number - 60**

**DOCKET NO. 53718**

<b>APPLICATION OF RANCH COUNTRY OF TEXAS, INC. AND CSWR-TEXAS UTILITY OPERATING COMPANY, LLC FOR SALE, TRANSFER, OR MERGER OF FACILITIES AND CERTIFICATE RIGHTS IN AUSTIN COUNTY</b>	<b>§ § § § § § §</b>	<b>PUBLIC UTILITY COMMISSION  OF TEXAS</b>
--	--	--

**COMMISSION STAFF’S RECOMMENDATION ON SUPPLEMENTAL SUFFICIENCY  
OF REISSUED NOTICE**

**I. INTRODUCTION**

On June 14, 2022, CSWR-Texas Utility Operating Company, LLC (CSWR-Texas) filed an application to amend its Certificate of Convenience and Necessity (CCN) No. 13290 in Austin County and to decertify Ranch Country of Texas, Inc.'s CCN No. 12916 in Austin County.

On June 13, 2023, the administrative law judge filed Order No. 11, establishing a deadline of July 24, 2023, for the Staff (Staff) of the Public Utility Commission of Texas (Commission) to provide a recommendation on the sufficiency of reissued notice by July 24, 2023.

**II. RECOMMENDATION ON SUFFICIENCY OF REISSUED NOTICE**

Staff has reviewed the proof of reissued notice provided by CSWR-Texas and recommends that the notice is sufficient. Specifically, CSWR-Texas provided an updated affidavit of notice dated July 5, 2023, and signed by Aaron Silas, Director of Regulatory Operations, specifying that CSWR-Texas reissued notice of the application to reflect the correct utility name of “Ranch Country of Texas, Inc.” to current customers, neighboring utilities, and affect parties, along with an attached map showing the proposed service area. CSWR-Texas also provided an affidavit of publication from *The Sealy News*, a newspaper of general circulation in Austin County, demonstrating that publication notice was provided on June 29 and July 6, 2023. Finally, CSWR-Texas filed an affidavit signed by David Woodsmall, Associate General Counsel, stating that there are no landowners of any tracts of land that are at least twenty-five acres that are wholly or partially included in the area proposed to be certificated. Therefore, Staff recommends that the notice provided by CSWR-Texas be deemed sufficient.

### III. CONCLUSION

For the reasons detailed above, Staff recommends that the notice provided by CSWR-Texas be found sufficient and respectfully requests the entry of an Order consistent with these recommendations.

Dated: July 24, 2023

Respectfully submitted,

**PUBLIC UTILITY COMMISSION OF TEXAS  
LEGAL DIVISION**

Marisa Lopez Wagley  
Division Director

John Harrison  
Senior Managing Attorney

*/s/ Forrest Smith*  
Forrest Smith  
State Bar No. 24093643  
Ian Groetsch  
State Bar No. 24078599  
1701 N. Congress Avenue  
P.O. Box 13326  
Austin, Texas 78711-3326  
(512) 936-7388  
(512) 936-7268 (facsimile)  
Forrest.Smith@puc.texas.gov

**DOCKET NO. 53718**

**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 24, 2023, in accordance with the Second Order Suspending Rules, filed in Project No. 50664.

*/s/ Forrest Smith*

\_\_\_\_\_  
Forrest Smith