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APPLICATION OF NITSCH AND SON UTILITY COMPANY, INC. AND UNDINE TEXAS, LLC FOR SALE, TRANSFER, OR MERGER OF FACILITIES AND CERTIFICATE RIGHTS IN HARRIS COUNTY, TEXAS

PUBLIC UTILITY COMMISSION

OF TEXAS

JOINT RESPONSE TO ORDER NO. 25 AND JOINT REQUEST FOR EXTENSION

On July 2, 2024, the Administrative Law Judge (ALJ) issued Order No. 25 requiring a response from Nitsch and Son Utility Company, Inc. (Nitsch) and Undine Texas, LLC (Undine) (collectively, the Applicants) and Staff (Staff) of the Public Utility Commission of Texas (Commission) (collectively, the Parties) by August 1, 2024. Therefore, this pleading is timely filed.

I. Response

The Parties provide the following response to Order No. 25.

A. <u>Clarify whether Undine made a formal request according to Houston's application</u> requirements.

Applicants do not assert that they made a formal request according to Houston's application requirements.

 B. Identify the evidence in the record of this proceeding supporting the findings required by Texas Water Code (TWC) § 13.245(c) and (c-1) or, alternatively, TWC § 13.245(c-2).

There is no such evidence in the record. Applicants continue to work diligently with the City of Houston to finalize the agreement between the Applicants and the City that will provide the evidence to support the findings required by TWC 13.245(b).

II. Request for Extension

The Parties request a one-month extension of time to September 1, 2024 for Undine to submit proof of an agreement with the City of Houston regarding decertification and related issues. The Parties are not requesting this extension for purposes of delay.

III. Conclusion

The Parties request that the ALJ consider this information in clarification of the information previously submitted in the docket. And, for the reasons detailed above, the Parties respectfully request the entry of an order consistent with the above request. The undersigned counsel for Undine represents that he has conferred with Nitsch, and that Nitsch and has authorized Undine to submit this joint response.

Dated: July 31, 2024.

Respectfully submitted,

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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I certify by my signature above that unless otherwise ordered by the presiding officer, notice of the filing of this document was provided to all parties of record on July 31, 2024 in accordance with the Order Suspending Rules filed in Project No. 50664.