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## **DOCKET NO. 54147**

**APPLICATION OF ROLLING V RANCH** § WATER CONTROL AND § **IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT NO. 3** § **OF WISE COUNTY FOR A** § **CERTIFICATE OF CONVENIENCE AND** § **NECESSITY AND FOR DUAL** § **CERTIFICATION WITH THE CITY OF** § **RHOME IN WISE COUNTY** §

PUBLIC UTILITY COMMISSION OF TEXAS

## ORDER NO. 5 DENYING MOTION FOR GOOD CAUSE EXCEPTION

On November 21, 2022, the applicants requested a good cause exception from the requirements of 16 Texas Administrative Code (TAC) § 24.11(e)(4)(B)(i)—the requirement to file an audited year-end financial statement with an unqualified opinion of the auditor. The applicants attached to the motion a number of financial documents which, they contend, adequately demonstrate their financial wherewithal in lieu of such a financial statement.

In Order No. 4 the administrative law judge (ALJ) required Commission Staff to respond to the motion. Commission Staff filed a response on December 5, 2022, in which it recommended that a good cause exception be granted. Candidly, the ALJ does not understand the analysis provided in Commission Staff's recommendation.

The motion for a good cause exception is denied. The applicants apparently wish to prove they satisfy the leverage and operations tests by providing a modified version of what is required by 16 TAC § 24.11(e)(4)(B)(i). But that is not the only way an applicant can prove it satisfies the leverage and operations tests. Under 16 TAC § 24.11(e)(4)(B), in order to demonstrate that the requirements of the two tests are being met, the applicants must, among other things, submit documentation that satisfies subpart (B)(i) *or* subpart (B)(ii) *or* subpart (B)(iii). Because the applicants failed to establish good cause for the exception, the motion is denied.

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Signed at Austin, Texas the 8th day of December 2022.

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HUNPER BURKHALTER CHIEF ADMINISTRATIVE LAW JUDGE

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