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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.

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

PUBLIC UTILITY COMMISSION OF TEXAS

HUNPER BURKHALTER CHIEF ADMINISTRATIVE LAW JUDGE

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