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APPLICATION OF TEXAS WATER UTILITIES, LP AND CS WATER CORPORATION FOR SALE, TRANSFER, OR MERGER OF FACILITIES AND CERTIFICATE RIGHTS IN BOSQUE COUNTY	§ § § § § §	PUBLIC UTILITY COMMISSION OF TEXAS
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COMMISSION STAFF’S RESPONSE TO ORDER NO. 8

I. INTRODUCTION

On September 30, 2022, Texas Water Utilities, LP (Texas Water) and CS Water Corporation (CS Water) (collectively, Applicants) filed an application for the sale, transfer, or merger (STM) of facilities and certificate rights in Bosque County, under Texas Water Code (TWC) § 13.301 and 16 Texas Administrative Code (TAC) § 24.239. Texas Water filed supplemental information on October 4, October 25, October 26, 2022, November 1, November 21, November 23, and December 12, 2022, and January 20 and March 14, 2023.

On March 24, 2023, the administrative law judge (ALJ) filed Order No. 8, directing Texas Water to clarify which phased rate it intends to apply in this proceeding by April 7, 2023, and directing the Staff (Staff) of the Public Utility Commission of Texas (Commission) to provide a recommendation on whether notice in this proceeding is in fact sufficient and permitting Staff to provide an amended recommendation on approval of the sale, if appropriate, by April 21, 2023. Therefore, this pleading is timely filed.

II. STAFF’S RESPONSE TO ORDER NO. 8

Staff and Texas Water have conferred about Texas Water reissuing notice to its customers. Staff and Texas Water have been coordinating on the content of the reissued notice, and the content of the reissued notice was finalized on April 19, 2023. Staff remains unopposed to the proposed procedural schedule filed in Texas Water’s Response to Order No. 8, filed on April 7, 2023.

III. CONCLUSION

For the reasons stated above, Staff respectfully requests the entry of an order adopting the proposed procedural schedule filed by Texas Water on April 7, 2023.

Date: April 21, 2023

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 April 21, 2023 in accordance with the Second Order Suspending Rules, filed in Project No. 50664.

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