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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 RECOMMENDATION ON THE SUFFICIENCY OF NEW NOTICE

I. INTRODUCTION

On September 30, 2022, Texas Water Utilities, LP (Texas Water) and the 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, Texas, 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, and October 26, 2022; November 1 and November 23, 2022; and February 10, 2023.

On May 5, 2023, the administrative law judge (ALJ) filed Order No. 11, directing the Staff (Staff) of the Public Utility Commission of Texas (Commission) to file a recommendation on the sufficiency of the new notice by May 10, 2023. Therefore, this pleading is timely filed.

II. RECOMMENDATION ON NEW NOTICE

The ALJ ordered Texas Water to file new notice following an agreement by Staff and Texas Water that Texas Water reissue notice because of an inactive link to Texas Water’s tariff that was included in the original notice. Staff has reviewed the proof of new notice provided by Texas Water and recommends that the new notice is sufficient. Specifically, Texas Water provided an affidavit of notice dated April 21, 2023 and signed by Brian Bahr, Director of Rates and Regulatory Affairs of Texas Water, that notice was provided on April 19, 2023, to its current customers, neighboring utilities, and affected parties, as well as the maps that were attached to the provided new notice. Further, the new notice does not contain a link to Texas Water’s tariff; rather, the new notice explicitly lists the existing and proposed rates directly on the new notice. Therefore, Staff recommends that the new notice provided by Texas Water be deemed sufficient for further processing of this matter.

III. CONCLUSION

For the reasons detailed above, Staff recommends that the new notice be deemed sufficient and respectfully requests an order consistent with the foregoing recommendation.

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Respectfully submitted,

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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 May 4, 2023 in accordance with the Second Order Suspending Rules, filed in Project No. 50664.

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