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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

## SUPPLEMENTAL MOTION TO ADMIT EVIDENCE AND REVISED PROPOSED ORDER APPROVING SALE AND TRANSFER TO PROCEED

Texas Water Utilities, L.P. (TWU) on behalf of itself and CS Water Corporation (CS Water) (collectively Applicants) files this Supplemental Motion to Admit Evidence and Revised Proposed Order Approving Sale and Transfer to Proceed. Pursuant to Order No. 11 filed on May 3, 2023, and Order No. 12 filed on May 8, 2023, this pleading is timely filed by May 31, 2023.

### I. SUPPLEMENTAL MOTION TO ADMIT EVIDENCE

Applicants move to admit the following evidence into the record of this proceeding:

- (a) TWU's proof of re-notice in compliance with Order No. 10, filed on April 26, 2023 (Interchange Item No. 51);
- (b) TWU's confidential list of notice recipients, filed on April 27, 2023 (Interchange Item No. 52);
- (c) Commission Staff's Recommendation on the Sufficiency of New Notice, filed on May 4, 2023 (Interchange Item No. 55); and
- (d) Copies of Agreed Orders resolving Texas Commission on Environmental Quality enforcement actions opened against TWU in the past five years, provided as Attachment 1 to this supplemental motion to admit evidence.<sup>1</sup>

## II. REVISED PROPOSED ORDER

The Revised Proposed Order Approving Sale and Transfer to Proceed—provided as Attachment 2 to this supplemental motion to admit evidence—would grant Applicants' application for the sale, transfer, or merger of facilities and certificate rights in Bosque County. Applicants and Commission Staff disagree as to whether finding of fact 42 is necessary in light

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> These Agreed Orders are provided to supplement Attachment 10 filed with the application and to support finding of fact 19 in the revised proposed order.

of finding of fact 41. Applicants believe that finding of fact 42 is duplicative of finding of fact 41 and will defer to the ALJ regarding whether to include both findings in the Order Approving the Transaction to Proceed.

# III. CONCLUSION

Applicants respectfully request that the Commission grant the Supplemental Motion to Admit Evidence and adopt the attached Revised Proposed Order Approving Sale and Transfer to Proceed.

Respectfully submitted,

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ATTORNEYS FOR TEXAS WATER UTILITIES, L.P.

# **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 May 31, 2023, in accordance with the Order Suspending Rules, issued in Project No. 50664.

Eleanor D'Ambrosio

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# TEXAS COMMISSION ON ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY



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IN THE MATTER OF AN ENFORCEMENT ACTION CONCERNING MONARCH UTILITIES I, L.P. RN102318532 BEFORE THE TEXAS COMMISSION ON ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY

## AGREED ORDER DOCKET NO. 2020-1182-PWS-E

# I. JURISDICTION AND STIPULATIONS

On <u>JUN 29 2021</u>, the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality ("the Commission" or "TCEQ") considered this agreement of the parties, resolving an enforcement action regarding Monarch Utilities I, L.P. (the "Respondent") under the authority of TEX. HEALTH & SAFETY CODE ch. 341. The Executive Director of the TCEQ, through the Enforcement Division, and the Respondent together stipulate that:

- 1. The Respondent owns and operates a public water supply located at 31 Governors Wood Drive in Point Blank, San Jacinto County, Texas (the "Facility"). The Facility provides water for human consumption, has approximately 157 service connections, and serves at least 25 people per day for at least 60 days per year. As such, the Facility is a public water system as defined in 30 TEX. ADMIN. CODE § 290.38(71).
- 2. The Executive Director and the Respondent agree that the TCEQ has jurisdiction to enter this Order pursuant to TEX. WATER CODE § 7.002 and TEX. HEALTH & SAFETY CODE § 341.049, and that the Respondent is subject to TCEQ's jurisdiction. The TCEQ has jurisdiction in this matter pursuant to TEX. WATER CODE § 5.013 and TEX. HEALTH & SAFETY CODE § 341.031 because it alleges violations of TEX. HEALTH & SAFETY CODE ch. 341 and the rules of the TCEQ.
- 3. The occurrence of any violation is in dispute and the entry of this Order shall not constitute an admission by the Respondent of any violation alleged in Section II ("Allegations"), nor of any statute or rule.
- 4. An administrative penalty in the amount of \$150 is assessed by the Commission in settlement of the violations alleged in Section II ("Allegations"). The Respondent paid \$120 of the penalty and \$30 is deferred contingent upon the Respondent's timely and satisfactory compliance with all the terms of this Order. The deferred amount shall be waived only upon full compliance with all the terms and conditions contained in this Order. If the Respondent fails to timely and satisfactorily comply with any of the terms or requirements contained in this Order, the Executive Director may demand payment of all or part of the deferred penalty amount.

- 5. The Executive Director and the Respondent agree on a settlement of the matters alleged in this enforcement action, subject to final approval in accordance with 30 TEX. ADMIN. CODE § 70.10(a). Any notice and procedures, which might otherwise be authorized or required in this action, are waived in the interest of a more timely resolution of the matter.
- 6. The Executive Director may, without further notice or hearing, refer this matter to the Office of the Attorney General of the State of Texas ("OAG") for further enforcement proceedings if the Executive Director determines that the Respondent has not complied with one or more of the terms or conditions in this Order.
- 7. This Order represents the complete and fully-integrated agreement of the parties. The provisions of this Order are deemed severable and, if a court of competent jurisdiction or other appropriate authority deems any provision of this Order unenforceable, the remaining provisions shall be valid and enforceable.
- 8. This Order shall terminate five years from its effective date or upon compliance with all the terms and conditions set forth in this Order, whichever is later.

# **II. ALLEGATIONS**

During a record review conducted on August 3, 2020, an investigator documented that the Respondent failed to notify the Executive Director prior to making any significant change or addition to the system's production, treatment, storage, pressure maintenance, or distribution facilities, in violation of 30 TEX. ADMIN. CODE § 290.39(j) and TEX. HEALTH & SAFETY CODE § 341.0351. Specifically, a 5,000-gallon pressure tank was replaced with two 62-gallon bladder tanks without approval.

# III. DENIALS

The Respondent generally denies each allegation in Section II ("Allegations").

# **IV. ORDERING PROVISIONS**

# NOW, THEREFORE, THE TEXAS COMMISSION ON ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY ORDERS that:

1. The Respondent is assessed a penalty as set forth in Section I, Paragraph No. 4. The payment of this penalty and the Respondent's compliance with all of the requirements set forth in this Order resolve only the allegations in Section II. The Commission shall not be constrained in any manner from requiring corrective action or penalties for violations which are not raised here. Penalty payments shall be made payable to "TCEQ" and shall be sent with the notation "Re: Monarch Utilities I, L.P., Docket No. 2020-1182-PWS-E" to:

> Financial Administration Division, Revenue Operations Section Attention: Cashier's Office, MC 214 Texas Commission on Environmental Quality P.O. Box 13088 Austin, Texas 78711-3088

- 2. The Respondent shall undertake the following technical requirements:
  - a. Within 180 days after the effective date of this Order, submit accurate, up-todate, and detailed as-built plans, specifications, and engineering reports for the significant changes made to the Facility's production and treatment, including but not limited to the addition of two 62-gallon bladder tanks, in accordance with 30 TEX. ADMIN. CODE § 290.39. The plans, specifications, and reports shall be submitted to:

Plan Review Team Water Supply Division, MC 159 Texas Commission on Environmental Quality P.O. Box 13087 Austin, Texas 78711-3087

Respond completely and adequately, as determined by the TCEQ, to all requests for information concerning plans and specifications within 15 days after the date of such requests, or by any other deadline specified in writing.

- b. Within 195 days after the effective date of this Order, submit written certification as described in Order Provision No. 2.d below, and include detailed supporting documentation including photographs, receipts, and/or other records to demonstrate compliance with Order Provision No. 2.a.
- c. Within 270 days after the effective date of this Order, obtain approval of the asbuilt plans and specifications for the significant changes made to the Facility from the Executive Director, in accordance with 30 TEX. ADMIN. CODE § 290.39.
- d. Within 285 days after the effective date of this Order, submit written certification, and include detailed supporting documentation including photographs, receipts, and/or other records to demonstrate compliance with Ordering Provision No. 2.c. The certification shall be signed by the Respondent and shall include the following certification language:

"I certify under penalty of law that I have personally examined and am familiar with the information submitted and all attached documents, and that based on my inquiry of those individuals immediately responsible for obtaining the information, I believe that the submitted information is true, accurate and complete. I am aware that there are significant penalties for submitting false information, including the possibility of fines and imprisonment for knowing violations."

The certification shall be submitted to:

Order Compliance Team Enforcement Division, MC 149A Texas Commission on Environmental Quality P.O. Box 13087 Austin, Texas 78711-3087

with a copy to:

Water Section Manager Beaumont Regional Office Texas Commission on Environmental Quality 3870 Eastex Freeway Beaumont, Texas 77703-1830

- 3. All relief not expressly granted in this Order is denied.
- 4. The duties and provisions imposed by this Order shall apply to and be binding upon the Respondent. The Respondent is ordered to give notice of this Order to personnel who maintain day-to-day control over the Facility operations referenced in this Order.
- 5. The Executive Director may grant an extension of any deadline in this Order or in any plan, report, or other document submitted pursuant to this Order, upon a written and substantiated showing of good cause. All requests for extensions by the Respondent shall be made in writing to the Executive Director. Extensions are not effective until the Respondent receives written approval from the Executive Director. The determination of what constitutes good cause rests solely with the Executive Director. Extension requests shall be sent to the Order Compliance Team at the address listed above.
- 6. This Order, issued by the Commission, shall not be admissible against the Respondent in a civil proceeding, unless the proceeding is brought by the OAG to: (1) enforce the terms of this Order; or (2) pursue violations of a statute within the Commission's jurisdiction, or of a rule adopted or an order or permit issued by the Commission under such a statute.
- 7. This Order may be executed in separate and multiple counterparts, which together shall constitute a single instrument. Any page of this Order may be copied, scanned, digitized, converted to electronic portable document format ("pdf"), or otherwise reproduced and may be transmitted by digital or electronic transmission, including but not limited to facsimile transmission and electronic mail. Any signature affixed to this Order shall constitute an original signature for all purposes and may be used, filed, substituted, or issued for any purpose for which an original signature could be used. The term "signature" shall include manual signatures and true and accurate reproductions of manual signatures created, executed, endorsed, adopted, or authorized by the person or persons to whom the signatures are attributable. Signatures may be copied or reproduced digitally, electronic anal, facsimile transmission, stamping, or any other means or process which the Executive Director deems acceptable. In this paragraph exclusively,

the terms: electronic transmission, owner, person, writing, and written, shall have the meanings assigned to them under TEX. BUS. ORG. CODE § 1.002.

8. The effective date of this Order is the date it is signed by the Commission. A copy of this fully executed Order shall be provided to each of the parties.

# SIGNATURE PAGE

## TEXAS COMMISSION ON ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY

For the Commission Sinclan

Date

Date

6/29/2021

For the Executive Director

I, the undersigned, have read and understand the attached Order. I am authorized to agree to the attached Order, and I do agree to the terms and conditions specified therein. I further acknowledge that the TCEQ, in accepting payment for the penalty amount, is materially relying on such representation.

I also understand that failure to comply with the Ordering Provisions, if any, in this Order and/or failure to timely pay the penalty amount, may result in:

- A negative impact on compliance history;
- Greater scrutiny of any permit applications submitted;
- Referral of this case to the Attorney General's Office for contempt, injunctive relief, additional penalties, and/or attorney fees, or to a collection agency;
- Increased penalties in any future enforcement actions;
- Automatic referral to the Attorney General's Office of any future enforcement actions; and
- TCEQ seeking other relief as authorized by law.

In addition, any falsification of any compliance documents may result in criminal prosecution.

Signature

Jeffrey L. McIntyre

Name (Printed or typed) Authorized Representative of Monarch Utilities I, L.P. February 11, 2021 Date

President

Title

If mailing address has changed, please check this box and provide the new address below:

Jeffrey L. McIntyre, President Monarch Utilities I L.P. 12535 Reed Road

Sugar Land, Texas 77478

Instructions: Send the original, signed Order with penalty payment to the Financial Administration Divísion, Revenue Operations Section at the address in Ordering Provision 1 of this Order. Jon Niermann, Chairman Emily Lindley, Commissioner Bobby Janecka, Commissioner Toby Baker, Executive Director



# TEXAS COMMISSION ON ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY

Protecting Texas by Reducing and Preventing Pollution

July 2, 2021

Mr. Charles W. Profilet, Jr., President Monarch Utilities I, L.P. 12535 Reed Road Sugar Land, Texas 77478

Re: TCEQ Enforcement Action Monarch Utilities I, L.P. Docket No. 2020-1182-PWS-E

Dear Mr. Profilet, Jr.:

Enclosed for your records is a fully-executed copy of the Agreed Order for the above-referenced matter.

Please review the enclosed Agreed Order, particularly the "Ordering Provisions" section, to determine if further action will be required of you, such as the completion of technical requirements to achieve compliance. When technical requirements are listed (usually Ordering Provision No. 2 or 3), a deadline will be provided based on a specific number of days after the effective date. The effective date is as stated in the enclosed Agreed Order.

Should you have any questions, please contact Samantha Duncan, the Enforcement Coordinator assigned to this matter, at (512) 239-2511.

Sincerely,

Michael Parrish Enforcement Division

Enclosure

cc: Samantha Duncan, Enforcement Division Water Section Manager, Region 10 Jon Niermann, *Chairman* Emily Lindley, *Commissioner* Bobby Janecka, *Commissioner* Toby Baker, *Executive Director* 



# TEXAS COMMISSION ON ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY

Protecting Texas by Reducing and Preventing Pollution

August 29, 2022

Mr. Jeffrey McIntyre, President Texas Water Services Group, LLC, General Partner Texas Water Utilities, L.P. 12535 Reed Road Sugar Land, Texas 77478

Re: Proposed Agreed Order Texas Water Utilities, L.P. RN101255818; Public Water Supply ID No. 1580063 Docket No. 2022-0888-PWS-E; Enforcement Case No. 62648 FOR SETTLEMENT PURPOSES ONLY

Dear Mr. McIntyre:

The Executive Director of the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality ("Commission" or "TCEQ") is pursuing an enforcement action against Texas Water Utilities, L.P. for violations of the Texas Health & Safety Code and Commission Rules. These violations were discovered during a record review conducted on June 20, 2022 through July 8, 2022, and documented in a letter dated July 8, 2022, from the TCEQ Drinking Water Special Functions Section.

Please find enclosed a proposed agreed order which we have prepared in an attempt to expedite this enforcement action. The order assesses an administrative penalty of \$3,375, identifies the violations that we are addressing, and identifies specific technical requirements necessary to resolve them.

If you have any questions regarding this matter, we are available to discuss them in a conference in Austin or over the telephone. If we reach agreement in a timely manner, the TCEQ will then proceed with the remaining procedural steps to settle this matter. These steps include publishing notice of the proposed order in the *Texas Register*, and scheduling the matter for approval by the Commission. We believe that handling this matter expeditiously could save Texas Water Utilities, L.P. and the TCEQ a significant amount of time, as well as the expense associated with litigation.

Enclosed for your convenience is a return envelope. If you agree with the order as proposed, please sign and return the original order and the penalty payment (check payable to "TCEQ" and referencing Texas Water Utilities, L.P., Docket No. 2022-0888-PWS-E) to:

P.O. Box 13087 • Austin, Texas 78711-3087 • 512-239-1000 • tceq.texas.gov

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> Financial Administration Division, Revenue Operations Section Attention: Cashier's Office, MC 214 Texas Commission on Environmental Quality P.O. Box 13088 Austin, Texas 78711-3088

Should you believe you are unable to pay the proposed administrative penalty, you may claim financial inability to pay part or all of the penalty amount. In order to qualify for financial inability to pay, the penalty must exceed \$3,600 and be greater than 1% of annual gross revenues. If this is the case, please contact us immediately to obtain a list of financial disclosure documents that must be submitted within 30 days of the receipt of this letter. These documents, once properly completed and submitted, will be thoroughly reviewed to determine if we agree with the claim of financial inability. Please be aware that if financial inability is proven to the satisfaction of staff, discussions pertaining to the penalty amount adjustment will focus only on deferral and not on waiver of the penalty amount.

You may be able to perform or contribute to a Supplemental Environmental Project ("SEP"), which is a project that benefits the environment, to offset a portion of your penalty. If you are interested in performing an SEP, you must agree to the penalty amount and submit an SEP proposal within 30 days of receipt of this proposed order.

For additional information about the types of SEPs available and eligibility criteria, please go to the TCEQ's web site link at <u>https://www.tceq.texas.gov/compliance/enforcement/sep</u> or contact the Enforcement Coordinator listed below.

Please note that any agreements we reach are subject to final approval in accordance with 30 TEX. ADMIN. CODE § 70.10(a).

If we cannot reach a settlement of this enforcement action or you do not wish to participate in this expedited process, we will proceed with enforcement under the Commission's Enforcement Rules, 30 Tex. Admin. Code ch. 70. Specifically, if the signed order and penalty are not mailed and postmarked within 60 days from the date of this letter, your case will be forwarded to the Litigation Division and this settlement offer will no longer be available. The enforcement process described in 30 Tex. ADMIN. CODE ch. 70 requires the staff to prepare and issue an Executive Director's Preliminary Report and Petition to the Commission. If you would like to obtain a copy of 30 Tex. ADMIN. CODE ch. 70, or any other TCEQ rules, the rules themselves and the agency brochure entitled *Obtaining TCEQ Rules* (GI-032) are located on our agency website at http://www.tceq.texas.gov for your reference. If you

Mr. Jeffrey McIntyre August 29, 2022 Page 3

would like a hard copy of this brochure mailed to you, you may call and request one from the Central Office Publications Ordering Team at (512) 239-0028.

For any questions or comments about this matter or to arrange a meeting, please contact Mr. Nick Lohret of my staff at (512) 239-4495 or nick.lohret@tceq.texas.gov.

Sincerely, Megan Hanulton

Megan Hamilton, Manager Enforcement Division Texas Commission on Environmental Quality

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- Enclosures: Proposed Agreed Order, Return Envelope, Penalty Calculation Worksheet, Site Compliance History
- cc: Mr. Chuck Barry, EHS Manager, Texas Water Utilities, L.P., 1620 Grand Avenue Parkway Suite 140, Pflugerville, Texas 78660, tbarry@swwc.com

# TEXAS COMMISSION ON ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY



IN THE MATTER OF AN ENFORCEMENT ACTION CONCERNING TEXAS WATER UTILITIES, L.P. RN101255818 **BEFORE THE** 

TEXAS COMMISSION ON

ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY

#### AGREED ORDER DOCKET NO. 2022-0888-PWS-E

On \_\_\_\_\_\_, PR 1 2 2023\_\_\_\_\_, the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality ("the Commission" or "TCEQ") considered this agreement of the parties, resolving an enforcement action regarding Texas Water Utilities, L.P. (the "Respondent") under the authority of TEX. HEALTH & SAFETY CODE ch. 341. The Executive Director of the TCEQ, through the Enforcement Division, and the Respondent presented this Order to the Commission.

The Respondent understands that it has certain procedural rights at certain points in the enforcement process, including the right to formal notice of violations, notice of an evidentiary hearing, the right to an evidentiary hearing, and a right to appeal. By entering into this Order, the Respondent agrees to waive all notice and procedural rights.

It is further understood and agreed that this Order represents the complete and fully-integrated agreement of the parties. The provisions of this Order are deemed severable and, if a court of competent jurisdiction or other appropriate authority deems any provision of this Order unenforceable, the remaining provisions shall be valid and enforceable. The duties and responsibilities imposed by this Order are binding upon the Respondent.

The Commission makes the following Findings of Fact and Conclusions of Law:

### I. FINDINGS OF FACT

- 1. The Respondent owns and operates a public water supply located approximately 500 feet east of the intersection of Dogwood Trail and Mims Chapel Road near Avinger, Marion County, Texas (the "Facility"). The Facility provides water for human consumption, has approximately 95 service connections, and serves at least 25 people per day for at least 60 days per year. As such, the Facility is a public water system as defined in 30 Tex. ADMIN. CODE § 290.38(71).
- 2. During a record review for the Facility conducted on June 20, 2022 through July 8, 2022, an investigator documented that the locational running annual average concentrations of total trihalomethanes ("TTHM") for Stage 2 Disinfection Byproducts at Site 1 were 0.101 milligrams per liter ("mg/L") for the fourth quarter of 2021, 0.129 mg/L for the first quarter of 2022, and 0.129 mg/L for the second quarter of 2022.

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#### **II. CONCLUSIONS OF LAW**

- 1. As evidenced by Finding of Fact No. 1, the Respondent is subject to the jurisdiction of the TCEQ pursuant to TEX. HEALTH & SAFETY CODE ch. 341 and the rules of the TCEQ.
- 2. As evidenced by Finding of Fact No. 2, the Respondent failed to comply with the maximum contaminant level ("MCL") of 0.080 mg/L for TTHM, based on the locational running annual average, in violation of 30 TEX. ADMIN. CODE § 290.115(f)(1) and TEX. HEALTH & SAFETY CODE § 341.0315(c).
- 3. Pursuant to TEX. HEALTH & SAFETY CODE § 341.049(a), the TCEQ has the authority to assess an administrative penalty against the Respondent for violations of state statutes within the TCEQ's jurisdiction, for violations of rules adopted under such statutes, or for violations of orders or permits issued under such statutes.
- 4. An administrative penalty in the amount of \$3,375 is justified by the facts recited in this Order, and considered in light of the factors set forth in TEX. HEALTH & SAFETY CODE § 341.049(b). The Respondent paid the \$3,375 penalty.

#### **III. ORDERING PROVISIONS**

NOW, THEREFORE, THE TEXAS COMMISSION ON ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY ORDERS that:

1. The Respondent is assessed a penalty as set forth in Conclusion of Law No. 4 for violations of state statutes and rules of the TCEQ. The payment of this penalty and the Respondent's compliance with all the requirements set forth in this Order resolve only the matters set forth by this Order in this action. The Commission shall not be constrained in any manner from requiring corrective actions or penalties for violations that are not raised here. Penalty payments shall be made payable to "TCEQ" and shall be sent with the notation "Re: Texas Water Utilities, L.P., Docket No. 2022-0888-PWS-E " to:

Financial Administration Division, Revenue Operations Section Attention: Cashier's Office, MC 214 Texas Commission on Environmental Quality P.O. Box 13088 Austin, Texas 78711-3088

- 2. The Respondent shall undertake the following technical requirements:
  - a. Within 365 days after the effective date of this Order, return to compliance with the MCL for TTHM, based on the locational running annual average, in accordance with 30 Tex. ADMIN. CODE § 290.115.
  - b. Within 380 days after the effective date of this Order, submit written certification, and include detailed supporting documentation including photographs, receipts, and/or other records to demonstrate compliance with Ordering Provision No. 2.a. The certification shall be signed by the Respondent and shall include the following certification language:

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> "I certify under penalty of law that I have personally examined and am familiar with the information submitted and all attached documents, and that based on my inquiry of those individuals immediately responsible for obtaining the information, I believe that the submitted information is true, accurate and complete. I am aware that there are significant penalties for submitting false information, including the possibility of fines and imprisonment for knowing violations."

The certification shall be submitted to:

Enforcement Division, MC 149A Texas Commission on Environmental Quality P.O. Box 13087 Austin, Texas 78711-3087

with a copy to:

Drinking Water Special Functions Section Manager Water Supply Division, MS 155 Texas Commission on Environmental Quality P.O. 13087 Austin, Texas 78711-3087

- 3. All relief not expressly granted in this Order is denied.
- 4. The duties and provisions imposed by this Order shall apply to and be binding upon the Respondent. The Respondent is ordered to give notice of this Order to personnel who maintain day-to-day control over the Facility operations referenced in this Order.
- 5. The Executive Director may grant an extension of any deadline in this Order or in any plan, report, or other document submitted pursuant to this Order, upon a written and substantiated showing of good cause. All requests for extensions by the Respondent shall be made in writing to the Executive Director. Extensions are not effective until the Respondent receives written approval from the Executive Director. The determination of what constitutes good cause rests solely with the Executive Director. Extension requests shall be sent to the Order Compliance Team at the address listed above.
- 6. The Executive Director may, without further notice or hearing, refer this matter to the Office of the Attorney General of the State of Texas ("OAG") for further enforcement proceedings if the Executive Director determines that the Respondent has not complied with one or more of the terms in this Order.
- 7. This Order shall terminate five years from its effective date or upon compliance with all the terms and conditions set forth in this Order, whichever is later.
- 8. This Order, issued by the Commission, shall not be admissible against the Respondent in a civil proceeding, unless the proceeding is brought by the OAG to: (1) enforce the terms of this Order; or (2) pursue violations of a statute within the Commission's

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jurisdiction, or of a rule adopted or an order or permit issued by the Commission under such a statute.

- 9. This Order may be executed in separate and multiple counterparts, which together shall constitute a single instrument. Any page of this Order may be copied, scanned, digitized, converted to electronic portable document format ("pdf"), or otherwise reproduced and may be transmitted by digital or electronic transmission, including but not limited to facsimile transmission and electronic mail. Any signature affixed to this Order shall constitute an original signature for all purposes and may be used, filed, substituted, or issued for any purpose for which an original signature could be used. The term "signature" shall include manual signatures and true and accurate reproductions of manual signatures created, executed, endorsed, adopted, or authorized by the person or persons to whom the signatures are attributable. Signatures may be copied or reproduced digitally, electronically, by photocopying, engraving, imprinting, lithographing, electronic mail, facsimile transmission, stamping, or any other means or process which the Executive Director deems acceptable. In this paragraph exclusively, the terms: electronic transmission, owner, person, writing, and written, shall have the meanings assigned to them under TEX. BUS. ORG. CODE § 1.002.
- 10. The effective date of this Order is the date it is signed by the Commission. A copy of this fully executed Order shall be provided to each of the parties.

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#### SIGNATURE PAGE

TEXAS COMMISSION ON ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY

ommission For

For the Executive Director

2/24/2023 Date

I, the undersigned, have read and understand the attached Order. I am authorized to agree to the attached Order, and I do agree to the terms and conditions specified therein. I further acknowledge that the TCEQ, in accepting payment for the penalty amount, is materially relying on such representation.

I also understand that failure to comply with the Ordering Provisions, if any, in this Order and/or failure to timely pay the penalty amount, may result in:

- A negative impact on compliance history:
- Greater scrutiny of any permit applications submitted:
- Referral of this case to the OAG for contempt, injunctive relief, additional penalties, ٠ and/or attorney fees, or to a collection agency;
- Increased penalties in any future enforcement actions;
- Automatic referral to the OAG of any future enforcement actions; and
- TCEQ seeking other relief as authorized by law.

In addition, any falsification of any compliance documents may result in criminal prosecution.

Name (Printed or typed) Authorized Representative of Texas Water Utilities, L.P.

□ If mailing address has changed, please check this box and provide the new address below:

Instructions: Send the original, signed Order with penalty payment to the Financial Administration Division, Revenue Operations Section at the address in Ordering Provision 1 of this Order. Jon Niermann, Chairman Emily Lindley, Commissioner Bobby Janecka, Commissioner Erin E. Chancellor, Interim Executive Director



# TEXAS COMMISSION ON ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY

Protecting Texas by Reducing and Preventing Pollution

April 19, 2023

FIRST CLASS MAIL

Jeffrey L. McIntyre, President Chuck Barry, Environmental Health and Safety Manager Texas Water Utilities, L.P. 1620 Grand Avenue Parkway, Suite 140 Pflugerville, Texas 78660

RE: Texas Water Utilities, L.P. TCEQ Docket No. 2022-0888-PWS-E; Registration No. 1580063 Agreed Order Assessing Administrative Penalties and Requiring Certain Actions

Enclosed is a copy of an order issued by the Commission.

Questions regarding the order should be directed to the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality's Enforcement Division at (512) 239-2545 or the Litigation Division at (512) 239-3400. If there are questions pertaining to the mailing of the order, then please contact Amy Davis of the Office of the Chief Clerk at (512) 239-3300.

Sincerely,

Laurie Gharis

Laurie Gharis Chief Clerk

LG/ad

Enclosure

cc: Nick Lohret, Enforcement Coordinator, TCEQ Enforcement Division

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Judgments and Consent	Any non-adjudicated final court judgments or consent decrees containing a denial of liability of this state or the federal government ( <i>number of judgments or consent decrees meeting criteria</i> )	0	0%
Decrees	Any adjudicated final court judgments and default judgments, or non-adjudicated final court judgments or consent decrees without a denial of liability, of this state or the federal government	0	0% ·
Convictions	Any criminal convictions of this state or the federal government (number of counts)	0	0%
Emissions ?	Chronic excessive emissions events (number of events)	0	0%
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<u> </u>	Environmental management systems in place for one year or more	No	0%
Other	Voluntary on-site compliance assessments conducted by the executive director under a special assistance program	No	0%
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# Compliance History Report

Compliance History Report for CN602740706, RN101255818, Rating Year 2021 which includes Compliance History (CH) components from September 1, 2016, through August 31, 2021.

Customer, Respond Owner/Operator:	ent, or CN602740706, Texas Water Utilities, L.P.	Classification: SATISFACTORY	Rating: 2,03
Regulated Entity:	RN101255818, INDIAN HILLS HARBOR SUBDIVISION	Classification: NOT APPLICABLE	Rating: N/A
Complexity Points:	N/A	Repeat Violator: N/A	
CH Group:	14 - Other		<u>_</u> _
Location:	APPROXIMATELY 500 FEET EAST OF THE AVINGER, MARION COUNTY, TEXAS	INTERSECTION OF DOGWOOD TRAIL AND MIN	IS CHAPEL ROAD NEAR
TCEQ Region:	REGION 05 - TYLER		<u> </u>
ID Number(s): PUBLIC WATER SYSTE	EM/SUPPLY REGISTRATION 1580063		· · ·
<b>Compliance History</b>	Period: September 01, 2016 to August 31, 2	2021 Rating Year: 2021 Rati	ng Date: 09/01/2021
Date Compliance Hi	story Report Prepared: July 18, 2022		
Agency Decision Re	quiring Compliance History: Enforcer	ment	
Component Period	Selected: July 18, 2017 to July 18, 2022		
TCEQ Staff Member	to Contact for Additional Information R	egarding This Compliance History.	
Name: Nick Loh	ret	Phone: (512) 239-2545	
-	existence and/or operation for the fuil five year con own) change in ownership/operator of the site duri		
Components (Mul	timedia) for the Site Are Listed in S	ections A - J	
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B. Criminal convict	tions:		

N/A

C. Chronic excessive emissions events:

N/A

#### D. The approval dates of investigations (CCEDS Inv. Track. No.):

Item 1	November 16, 2021	(1773688)
Item 2	April 04, 2022	(1797644)

#### E. Written notices of violations (NOV) (CCEDS Inv. Track. No.):

A notice of violation represents a written allegation of a violation of a specific regulatory requirement from the commission to a regulated entity. A notice of violation is not a final enforcement action, nor proof that a violation has actually occurred.

1	Date: 01/21/2022 (1825529)   Self Report? NO   Citation: 30 TAC Chapter 290, SubChapter F 290.115(f)(1)   Description: TTHM LRAA MCL 4Q2021 - During the 4th quarter of 2021 the system violated the maximum contaminant level for tribalomethanes with a LRAA of 0.101 mg/L at Eagle   BLF 2 MI Off Jasmine, Avinger (DBP2-01). ETT Point Value = 5
2	Date: 04/21/2022 (1825529)   Self Report? NO   Citation: 30 TAC Chapter 290, SubChapter F 290.115(f)(1)   Description: TTHM LRAA MCL 1Q2022 - During the 1st quarter of 2022 the system violated the maximum contaminant level for trihalomethanes with a LRAA of 0.157 mg/L at Eagle BLF 2 MI Off Jasmine, Avinger (DBP2-01). ETT Point Value = 5
3	Date: 06/14/2022 (1825529)   Self Report? NO   Citation: 30 TAC Chapter 290, SubChapter F 290,115(f)(1)   Description: 30 TAC Chapter 290, SubChapter F 290,115(f)(1)   Description: TTHM LRAA MCL 2Q2022 - During the 2nd quarter of 2022 the system violated the maximum contaminant level for trihalomethanes with a LRAA of 0,129 mg/L at Eagle BLF 2 MI Off Jasmine, Avinger (DBP2-01). ETT Point Value = 5

F. Environmental audits:

N/A

- G. Type of environmental management systems (EMSs): N/A
- H. Voluntary on-site compliance assessment dates: \$N/A\$
- I. Participation in a voluntary pollution reduction program: N/A
- J. Early compliance: N/A

Sites Outside of Texas:

N/A

# **TEXAS COMMISSION ON ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY**



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IN THE MATTER OF AN ENFORCEMENT ACTION CONCERNING MONARCH UTILITIES I L.P. RN101450286

BEFORE THE TEXAS COMMISSION ON

ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY

### AGREED ORDER DOCKET NO. 2021-0550-PWS-E

On \_\_\_\_\_\_\_, the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality ("the Commission" or "TCEQ") considered this agreement of the parties, resolving an enforcement action regarding Monarch Utilities I L.P. (the "Respondent") under the authority of TEX. HEALTH & SAFETY CODE ch. 341. The Executive Director of the TCEQ, through the Enforcement Division, and the Respondent presented this Order to the Commission.

The Respondent understands that it has certain procedural rights at certain points in the enforcement process, including the right to formal notice of violations, notice of an evidentiary hearing, the right to an evidentiary hearing, and a right to appeal. By entering into this Order, the Respondent agrees to waive all notice and procedural rights.

It is further understood and agreed that this Order represents the complete and fully-integrated agreement of the parties. The provisions of this Order are deemed severable and, if a court of competent jurisdiction or other appropriate authority deems any provision of this Order unenforceable, the remaining provisions shall be valid and enforceable. The duties and responsibilities imposed by this Order are binding upon the Respondent.

The Commission makes the following Findings of Fact and Conclusions of Law:

# I. FINDINGS OF FACT

- 1. The Respondent owns and operates a public water supply located at 366 Ridgecrest Road near Pottsboro, Grayson County, Texas (the "Facility"). The Facility provides water for human consumption, has approximately 527 service connections, and serves at least 25 people per day for at least 60 days per year. As such, the Facility is a public water system as defined in 30 TEX. ADMIN. CODE § 290.38(71).
- 2. During a record review conducted on March 15, 2021 through March 26, 2021, an investigator documented that the locational running annual average concentrations for haloacetic acids ("HAA5") for Stage 2 Disinfection Byproducts at Site 2 were 0.081 milligrams per liter ("mg/L") for the third quarter of 2020, 0.080 mg/L for the fourth quarter of 2020, and 0.083 mg/L for the first quarter of 2021.

# **II. CONCLUSIONS OF LAW**

- 1. As evidenced by Finding of Fact No. 1, the Respondent is subject to the jurisdiction of the TCEQ pursuant to TEX. HEALTH & SAFETY CODE ch. 341 and the rules of the TCEQ.
- 2. As evidenced by Finding of Fact No. 2, the Respondent failed to comply with the maximum contaminant level ("MCL") of 0.060 mg/L for HAA5 based on the locational running annual average, in violation of 30 TEX. ADMIN. CODE § 290.115(f)(1) and TEX. HEALTH & SAFETY CODE § 341.0315(c).
- 3. Pursuant to TEX. HEALTH & SAFETY CODE § 341.049(a), the TCEQ has the authority to assess an administrative penalty against the Respondent for violations of state statutes within the TCEQ's jurisdiction, for violations of rules adopted under such statutes, or for violations of orders or permits issued under such statutes.
- 4. An administrative penalty in the amount of \$4,125 is justified by the facts recited in this Order, and considered in light of the factors set forth in TEX. HEALTH & SAFETY CODE \$ 341.049(b). The Respondent paid the \$4,125 penalty.

# **III. ORDERING PROVISIONS**

NOW, THEREFORE, THE TEXAS COMMISSION ON ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY ORDERS that:

1. The Respondent is assessed a penalty as set forth in Conclusion of Law No. 4 for violations of state statutes and rules of the TCEQ. The payment of this penalty and the Respondent's compliance with all the requirements set forth in this Order resolve only the matters set forth by this Order in this action. The Commission shall not be constrained in any manner from requiring corrective actions or penalties for violations that are not raised here. Penalty payments shall be made payable to "TCEQ" and shall be sent with the notation "Re: Monarch Utilities I L.P., Docket No. 2021-0550-PWS-E" to:

Financial Administration Division, Revenue Operations Section Attention: Cashier's Office, MC 214 Texas Commission on Environmental Quality P.O. Box 13088 Austin, Texas 78711-3088

- 2. The Respondent shall undertake the following technical requirements:
  - a. Within 365 days after the effective date of this Order, return to compliance with the MCL for HAA5, based on the locational running annual average, in accordance with 30 TEX. ADMIN. CODE § 290.115.
  - b. Within 380 days after the effective date of this Order, submit written certification, and include detailed supporting documentation including photographs, receipts, and/or other records to demonstrate compliance with

Ordering Provision No. 2.a. The certification shall be signed by the Respondent and shall include the following certification language:

"I certify under penalty of law that I have personally examined and am familiar with the information submitted and all attached documents, and that based on my inquiry of those individuals immediately responsible for obtaining the information, I believe that the submitted information is true, accurate and complete. I am aware that there are significant penalties for submitting false information, including the possibility of fines and imprisonment for knowing violations."

The certification shall be submitted to:

Order Compliance Team Enforcement Division, MC 149A Texas Commission on Environmental Quality P.O. Box 13087 Austin, Texas 78711-3087

with a copy to:

Drinking Water Special Functions Section Manager Water Supply Division, MC 155 Texas Commission on Environmental Quality P.O. Box 13087 Austin, Texas 78711-3087

- 3. All relief not expressly granted in this Order is denied.
- 4. The duties and provisions imposed by this Order shall apply to and be binding upon the Respondent. The Respondent is ordered to give notice of this Order to personnel who maintain day-to-day control over the Facility operations referenced in this Order.
- 5. The Executive Director may grant an extension of any deadline in this Order or in any plan, report, or other document submitted pursuant to this Order, upon a written and substantiated showing of good cause. All requests for extensions by the Respondent shall be made in writing to the Executive Director. Extensions are not effective until the Respondent receives written approval from the Executive Director. The determination of what constitutes good cause rests solely with the Executive Director. Extension requests shall be sent to the Order Compliance Team at the address listed above.
- 6. The Executive Director may, without further notice or hearing, refer this matter to the Office of the Attorney General of the State of Texas ("OAG") for further enforcement proceedings if the Executive Director determines that the Respondent has not complied with one or more of the terms in this Order.

- 7. This Order shall terminate five years from its effective date or upon compliance with all the terms and conditions set forth in this Order, whichever is later.
- 8. This Order, issued by the Commission, shall not be admissible against the Respondent in a civil proceeding, unless the proceeding is brought by the OAG to: (1) enforce the terms of this Order; or (2) pursue violations of a statute within the Commission's jurisdiction, or of a rule adopted or an order or permit issued by the Commission under such a statute.
- **g**. This Order may be executed in separate and multiple counterparts, which together shall constitute a single instrument. Any page of this Order may be copied, scanned, digitized, converted to electronic portable document format ("pdf"), or otherwise reproduced and may be transmitted by digital or electronic transmission, including but not limited to facsimile transmission and electronic mail. Any signature affixed to this Order shall constitute an original signature for all purposes and may be used, filed, substituted, or issued for any purpose for which an original signature could be used. The term "signature" shall include manual signatures and true and accurate reproductions of manual signatures created, executed, endorsed, adopted, or authorized by the person or persons to whom the signatures are attributable. Signatures may be copied or reproduced digitally, electronically, by photocopying, engraving, imprinting, lithographing, electronic mail, facsimile transmission, stamping, or any other means or process which the Executive Director deems acceptable. In this paragraph exclusively, the terms: electronic transmission, owner, person, writing, and written, shall have the meanings assigned to them under TEX. BUS. ORG. CODE § 1.002.
- 10. The effective date of this Order is the date it is signed by the Commission. A copy of this fully executed Order shall be provided to each of the parties.

# SIGNATURE PAGE

# TEXAS COMMISSION ON ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY

For the Commission

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For the Executive Director

7/19/2022

Date

I, the undersigned, have read and understand the attached Order. I am authorized to agree to the attached Order, and I do agree to the terms and conditions specified therein. I further acknowledge that the TCEQ, in accepting payment for the penalty amount, is materially relying on such representation.

I also understand that failure to comply with the Ordering Provisions, if any, in this Order and/or failure to timely pay the penalty amount, may result in:

- A negative impact on compliance history;
- Greater scrutiny of any permit applications submitted;
- Referral of this case to the Attorney General's Office for contempt, injunctive relief, additional penalties, and/or attorney fees, or to a collection agency;
- Increased penalties in any future enforcement actions;
- · Automatic referral to the Attorney General's Office of any future enforcement actions; and
- TCEQ seeking other relief as authorized by law.

In addition, any falsification of any compliance documents may result in criminal prosecution.

Signature

Jeffrey L. McIntyre Name (Printed or typed) Authorized Representative of Monarch Utilities I L.P. June 13, 2022 Date

President

Title

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Jon Niermann, Chairman Emily Lindley, Commissioner Bobby Janecka, Commissioner Toby Baker, Executive Director



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# September 19, 2022

# FIRST CLASS MAIL

Jeffrey L. McIntyre, President Monarch Utilities I L.P. 12535 Reed Road Sugar Land, Texas 77478

RE: Monarch Utilities I L.P. TCEQ Docket No. 2021-0550-PWS-E; Registration No. 0910035 Agreed Order Assessing Administrative Penalties and Requiring Certain Actions

Enclosed is a copy of an order issued by the Commission.

Questions regarding the order should be directed to the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality's Enforcement Division at (512) 239-2545 or the Litigation Division at (512) 239-3400. If there are questions pertaining to the mailing of the order, then please contact Amy Davis of the Office of the Chief Clerk at (512) 239-3300.

Sincerely,

Laurie Sharis

Laurie Gharis Chief Clerk

LG/ad

Enclosure

cc: Samantha Duncan, Enforcement Coordinator, TCEQ Enforcement Division

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# **DOCKET NO. 54171**

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

## **REVISED PROPOSED ORDER APPROVING SALE AND TRANSFER TO PROCEED**

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This Order addresses the application of CS Water Corporation (CS Water) and Texas Water Utilities, L.P. (TWU) for approval of the sale, transfer, or merger of facilities and certificate rights in Bosque County. The applicants seek approval to sell and transfer all of CS Water's facilities and service area under water certificate of convenience and necessity (CCN) number 11441 to TWU's water CCN number 12983, and to cancel CS Water's water CCN number 11441. The administrative law judge (ALJ) approves the transaction between TWU and CS Water, and the transaction may be completed as proposed.

## I. Findings of Fact

The Commission makes the following findings of fact.

## <u>Applicant</u>

- 1. TWU is a limited partnership registered with the Texas secretary of state under file number 800034797.
- 2. TWU is an investor-owned utility that owns, operates, and controls facilities for providing water service under CCN number 12983.
- 3. CS Water is a Texas corporation registered with the Texas secretary of state under filing number 114397600.
- 4. CS Water is an investor-owned utility that owns, operates, and controls facilities for providing water service under CCN number 11441.

## **Application**

- 5. On September 30, 2022, the applicants filed the application at issue in this proceeding.
- The applicants supplemented the application on October 4, October 25, and October 26, 2022, and February 10, 2023.

- 7. In the application, as supplemented, the applicants seek approval for the following: (a) to sell and transfer all of CS Water's facilities and service area under water CCN number 11441 to TWU's water CCN number 12983; (b) to cancel water CCN number 11441; and (c) to amend TWU's water CCN number 12983 to include the areas previously included in CS Water's CCN number 11441.
- 8. The requested area includes approximately 726 acres and 178 current customers.
- 9. The requested area is located approximately 6.5 miles west of downtown Whitney, Texas, and is generally bounded on the north by County Road 1500 and Cedron Creek; on the east by Brazos River and Lake Whitney; on the south by King Creek; and on the west by Farm to Market 56.
- 10. In Order No. 3 filed on November 1, 2022, the ALJ found the application, as supplemented, administratively complete.

# <u>Notice</u>

- On November 21, 2022, the applicants filed the affidavit of George Freitag, Texas Regulatory Manager for TWU, attesting that notice was provided to all current customers, neighboring utilities, and affected parties on November 18, 2022.
- 12. In Order No. 5 filed on December 14, 2022, the ALJ found the notice sufficient.
- 13. On April 7, 2023, TWU filed a clarification regarding the rates requested in this proceeding under Texas Water Code (TWC) § 13.3011.
- 14. On April 26, 2023, the applicants filed the affidavit of Brian Bahr, Director of Rates and Regulatory Affairs for TWU, attesting the new notice was provided to all current customers, neighboring utilities, and affected parties on April 19, 2023.
- 15. In Order No. 12 filed on May 8, 2023, the ALJ found the new notice sufficient.

# <u>Evidentiary Record</u>

- 16. On March 10, 2023, the Parties filed a joint motion to admit evidence and proposed order approving the sale and transfer to proceed.
- 17. On May 31, 2023, the applicants filed a supplemental motion to admit evidence and revise proposed order approving the sale and transfer to proceed.

18. In Order No. filed on June , 2023, the ALJ admitted the following evidence into the record of this proceeding: (a) The application and all attachments, filed on September 30, 2022; (b) the supplements to the application, filed on October 4, 2022, October 25, 2022, October 26, 2022, and February 10, 2023; (c) Commission Staff's recommendation on administrative completeness and notice and proposed procedural schedule, filed on October 31, 2022; (d) TWU's response to Commission Staff's first request for information and confidential attachments, filed on November 1, 2022; (e) TWU's proof of notice and confidential mailing list, filed on November 21, 2022; (f) Commission Staff's recommendation on the sufficiency of notice, filed on December 12, 2022; (g) TWU's objections to Commission Staff's second request for information, filed on December 12, 2022; (h) TWU's response to Commission Staff's second request for information and confidential attachment, filed on January 4, 2023; (i) TWU's supplemental response to Commission Staff's second request for information and confidential attachments, filed on January 20, 2023; (j) Commission Staff's recommendation on approval of the sale and on the CCN amendment and confidential attachment, filed on January 31, 2023; (k) TWU's proof of re-notice in compliance with Order No. 10, filed on April 26, 2023; (1) TWU's confidential list of notice recipients, filed on April 27, 2023; (m) Commission Staff's recommendation on the sufficiency of new notice, filed on May 4, 2023; and (n) copies of Agreed Orders resolving Texas Commission on Environmental Quality enforcement actions opened against TWU in the past five years, filed on May 31, 2023.

# Purchaser's Compliance History

- 19. TWU has been subject to an enforcement action by the Commission, Texas Commission on Environmental Quality (TCEQ), Texas Department of Health, the Office of the Attorney General, or the United States Environmental Protection Agency in the past five years for non-compliance with rules, orders, or state statutes. TWU has resolved, or is in the process of resolving, the compliance issues related to the open TCEQ enforcement actions listed in the application.
- 20. TWU does not have a history of continuing mismanagement or misuse of revenues as a utility service provider.

21. TWU has demonstrated a compliance history that is adequate for approval of the proposed transaction.

# Adequacy of Existing Service

- 22. CS Water owns and operates one public water system (PWS) in Bosque County registered with TCEQ under PWS identification number 0180033.
- 23. CS Water's PWS at issue in this proceeding is currently providing continuous and adequate service to the requested area.
- 24. The last TCEQ compliance investigation of CS Water was on June 30, 2020. CS Water does not have any violations listed in the TCEQ database. The Commission's complaint records, which date back to 2017, show two complaints against CS Water.
- 25. There is no evidence in the record that CS Water has failed to comply with any Commission or TCEQ order.

# <u>Need for Additional Service</u>

- 26. There are 178 existing water customers in the requested area that are currently receiving service from CS Water and have an ongoing need for service.
- 27. This is an application to transfer only existing facilities, customers, and service area.
- 28. There is no evidence in the record indicating a need for additional service.

# Effect of Approving the Transaction and Granting the Amendment

- 29. Approving the transaction will obligate TWU to provide continuous and adequate water service to current and future customers in the requested area.
- 30. CS Water and TWU are the only utilities affected by this sale and transfer.
- 31. All retail public utilities in the proximate area were provided notice of the application.
- 32. There will be no effect on landowners in the requested area because they are currently served by CS Water.

# <u>Initial Rates</u>

33. TWU as an entity is entitled to request approval to charge initial rates and service charges that are shown in the water tariff issued to TWU at the time the application was filed.

34. TWU's tariff in force for its other water systems on the date the application was filed was approved in Docket No. 52494.<sup>2</sup>

| Minimum Monthly Charge  |                          |  |  |
|-------------------------|--------------------------|--|--|
| 5/8" Meter – \$48.37    |                          |  |  |
| 0 – 2,000 gallons       | \$6.48 per 1,000 gallons |  |  |
| 2,001 – 10,000 gallons  | \$7.98 per 1,000 gallons |  |  |
| 10,001 – 20,000 gallons | \$9.05 per 1,000 gallons |  |  |
| 20,000+ gallons         | \$9.64 per 1,000 gallons |  |  |

35. The rates requested by TWU are as follows:

# Ability to Serve: Managerial and Technical

- 36. The operations, maintenance, management, and customer services will be provided by TWU through TCEQ-licensed operators who will operate the public water and wastewater systems.
- Reliability and quality of water service is expected to improve under TWU's management.
- 38. TWU has access to an adequate supply of water and is capable of providing water that meets the requirements of chapter 341 of the Texas Health and Safety Code, chapter 13 of the Texas Water Code (TWC), and the TCEQ's rules.
- 39. TWU has the technical and managerial capability to provide continuous and adequate service to the requested area.

# Ability to Serve: Financial Ability and Stability

- TWU's affiliate, SouthWest Water Company, has a debt-service ratio of greater than 1.25, satisfying the leverage test.
- 41. Through SouthWest Water Company, TWU has sufficient cash available to cover any projected operations and maintenance shortages during the first five years after the completion of the proposed sale and transfer, satisfying the operations test.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> Application of R&N Enterprises and Monarch Utilities I L.P. for Sale, Transfer, or Merger of Facilities and Certificate Rights in Cooke County, Docket No. 52494, Notice of Approval (Sept. 1, 2022).

- 42. TWU has access to a line of credit to pay for the purchase price and planned capital improvements for the CS water system alongside TWU's other purchased systems and planned system improvements.<sup>3</sup>
- 43. TWU has demonstrated the financial capability and stability to provide continuous and adequate water service.

# <u>Financial Assurance</u>

44. There is no need to require TWU to provide a bond or other financial assurance to ensure continuous and adequate service.

# Feasibility of Obtaining Service from an Adjacent Retail Public Utility

- 45. It is not feasible for an adjacent utility to provide service to the requested area because CS Water's existing facilities possess sufficient capacity to provide continuous and adequate service.
- 46. Utilities within a two-mile radius were noticed and no protests, adverse comments, or motions to intervene were filed by any adjacent retail public utility in this docket.

# Environmental Integrity

- 47. The proposed transaction will not adversely affect the environmental integrity of the land.
- 48. The effect on the land should be minimal as the requested area will continue to be served with existing facilities.

# Improvement of Service or Lowering Costs to Consumers

49. The proposed transaction will improve reliability and quality of water service because the water system will be operated and maintained by a sufficient number of licensed operators.

# Regionalization or Consolidation

50. The construction of a physically separate water system is not necessary for TWU to serve the requested area; therefore, it is not necessary to consider regionalization or consolidation.

 $<sup>^{3}</sup>$  The applicants and Commission Staff disagree as to whether this finding of fact is necessary in light of finding of fact 41 and defer to the ALJ regarding whether to include it in this order

# Voluntary Valuation of Acquired Utility or Facilities

- 51. TWU notified the Commission of its intent to use a fair market value process to determine the ratemaking rate base of CS Water.
- 52. TWU provided copies of the three appraisal reports and evidence of the purchase price with the application.
- 53. The purchase price and the appraised value for CS Water reported by each utility valuation expert are identified in confidential Attachment FB-1 filed with Commission Staff's recommendation on approval of the sale and on the CCN amendment.
- 54. The average of the three appraisals yields a fair market value for CS Water that is less than the purchase price.
- 55. The ratemaking rate base for CS Water is the purchase price identified in confidential Attachment FB-1.
- 56. TWU provided evidence of the amount of fees paid to the three utility valuation experts with the application.

## **Conclusions of Law**

The Commission makes the following conclusions of law.

- Notice of the application was provided in compliance with TWC §§ 13.246 and 13.301(a)(2), and 16 Texas Administrative Code (TAC) § 24.239(c).
- After consideration of the factors in TWC § 13.246(c), TWU demonstrated that it is capable of rendering continuous and adequate water service to every customer within the requested area, as required by TWC § 13.251.
- TWU demonstrated adequate financial, managerial, and technical capability for providing adequate and continuous service to the requested area as required by TWC §§ 13.241(a) and 13.301(b).
- 4. The applicants demonstrated that the sale of CS Water's facilities and the transfer of the service area held under water CCN number 11441 to TWU will serve the public interest and is necessary for the service, accommodation, convenience, and safety of the public, as required TWC §§ 13.246(b) and 13.301(d) and (e).

- TWU filed its notice of intent to use fair market value as required by TWC § 13.305(c)(1).
- 6. The Commission's Executive Director selected three utility valuation experts to perform appraisals of CS Water in compliance with TWC § 13.305(c)(2).
- 7. The application included copies of the three appraisal reports completed by the utility valuation experts as required by TWC § 13.305(h).
- The calculation of the fair market valuation for CS Water complies with TWC § 13.305(f).
- The calculation of the ratemaking rate base for CS Water complies with TWC § 13,305(g).

# **Ordering Paragraphs**

In accordance with these findings of fact and conclusions of law, the Commission issues the following orders.

- 1. The sale and transfer is approved, and the transaction between CS Water and TWU may proceed and be consummated.
- 2. As soon as possible after the effective date of the transaction, but not later than 30 days after the effective date, the applicants must file proof that the transaction has been consummated and customer deposits, if any, have been addressed.
- 3. The applicants have 180 days from the date of this Order to complete the transaction.
- 4. Under 16 TAC § 24.239(m), if the transaction is not consummated within this 180-day period, and an extension is not granted, this approval is void, and the applicants will have to reapply for approval.
- 5. The applicants are notified that the facilities and service area subject to the transaction will remain under water CCN number 11441 and will be held by CS Water until the sale and transfer transaction is consummated in accordance with Commission rules.
- 6. In an effort to finalize this case as soon as possible, the applicants must file monthly updates regarding the status of the closing and submit documents evidencing that the transaction was consummated.

7. Within 15 days following the filing of the applicants' proof that the transaction has been consummated and customer deposits, if any, have been addressed, Commission Staff must file a recommendation regarding the sufficiency of the documents and propose a schedule for continued processing of this docket.

Signed at Austin, Texas the \_\_\_\_\_ day of June, 2023.

# PUBLIC UTILITY COMMISSION OF TEXAS

# KATIE MOORE MARX ADMINISTRATIVE LAW JUDGE

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