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APPLICATION OF TEXAS WATER UTILITIES, L.P. 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 SUFFICIENCY OF THE CLOSING DOCUMENTS IN RESPONSE TO ORDER NO. 21

I. INTRODUCTION

On September 30, 2022, Texas Water Utilities, LP (TWU) and the CS Water Corporation (collectively, Applicants) filed an application for the sale, transfer, or merger of facilities and certificate rights in Bosque County, Texas, under Texas Water Code § 13.301 and 16 Texas Administrative Code (TAC) § 24.239.

On February 23, 2024, the administrative law judge (ALJ) filed Order No. 21, which directed the Staff (Staff) of the Public Utility Commission of Texas (Commission) to file a recommendation on the sufficiency of the closing documents and propose a procedural schedule for continued processing of this docket by March 6, 2024. Therefore, this pleading is timely filed.

II. STAFF’S RECOMMENDATION

Staff has reviewed the Applicants' proof of closing and recommends that the closing documents satisfy the requirements under 16 Texas Administrative Code (TAC) § 24.239(l). Specifically, the closing documents include a proper bill of sale that is signed by both Applicants. Staff also notes that outstanding customer deposits have been addressed as required by 16 TAC § 24.239(k). Therefore, Staff recommends that the Applicants' proof of closing be found sufficient.

III. PROPOSED PROCEDURAL SCHEDULE

Staff recommends that the Applicants’ closing documents be found sufficient. Therefore, Staff proposes the following procedural schedule for continued processing of this docket.

Event	Date
Deadline for Staff to provide final maps, certificates, and tariffs (if applicable) to Applicants for review and consent	April 5, 2024
Deadline for Applicants to file signed consent forms with the Commission	April 19, 2024
Deadline for parties to file joint proposed findings of fact, conclusions of law, and ordering paragraphs	May 3, 2024

IV. CONCLUSION

For the reasons detailed above, Staff respectfully requests that an order be issued allowing the proposed transaction to proceed.

Dated: March 6, 2024

Respectfully submitted,

**PUBLIC UTILITY COMMISSION OF TEXAS
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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I certify that, unless otherwise ordered by the presiding officer, notice of the filing of this document will be provided to all parties of record via electronic mail on March 6, 2024, in accordance with the Second Order Suspending Rules, filed in Project No. 50664.

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