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APPLICATION OF ORANGE COUNTY WATER CONTROL & IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT NO. 1 AND WATER NECESSITIES, INC. FOR SALE, TRANSFER, OR MERGER OF FACILITIES AND CERTIFICATE RIGHTS IN ORANGE COUNTY PUBLIC UTILITY COMMISSION

OF TEXAS

ORDER NO. 9 FINDING APPLICATION REMAINS ADMINISTRATIVELY INCOMPLETE, ESTABLISHING DEADLINES, AND PROVIDING OPPORTUNITY TO CURE

This Order addresses the sufficiency of the December 12, 2022 application filed by Orange County Water Control & Improvement District No. 1 and Water Necessities, Inc. for approval of the sale, transfer, or merger of facilities and certificate rights in Orange County. On February 28, April 20, and August 15, 2023, Orange County supplemented the application.

On August 30, 2023, Commission Staff filed a supplemental recommendation on administrative completeness.

The administrative law judge (ALJ) finds the application remains administratively incomplete and deficient. Under 16 Texas Administrative Code § 24.8(d), the Commission does not consider an application filed until it makes a determination that the application is administratively complete. Thus, at this time the application is not considered filed with the Commission.

By October 2, 2023, applicants must supplement the application to cure the deficiencies as described in the August 30, 2023 memorandum of Patricia Garcia, attached to Commission Staff's recommendation. Until the Commission receives and reviews the supplemental information, the application cannot proceed. The applicant must not issue notice until the application is deemed administratively complete.

By November 2, 2023, Commission Staff must file supplemental recommendations regarding the administrative completeness of the application and the sufficiency of notice, along with a proposed procedural schedule, if appropriate.

Signed at Austin, Texas the 31st day of August 2023.

PUBLIC UTILITY COMMISSION OF TEXAS

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