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

COMMISSION STAFF'S REQUEST FOR EXTENSION

I. INTRODUCTION

On December 12, 2022, Orange County Water Control & Improvement District No. 1 (Orange County WCID No. 1) filed an application to amend Certificate of Convenience and Necessity (CCN) number 10115 in Orange County to reflect the acquisition of facilities and certificated service area from Water Necessities, Inc.'s CCN number 12243 in 1994. On February 28, 2023, Orange County WCID No. 1 filed a supplemental brief to amend the application for a sale, merger, or transfer of facilities. On May 17, 2023, Commission Staff filed on behalf of itself and Orange County WCID No. 1, a recommendation for processing this docket as the sale, transfer, or merger of facilities and certificate rights and requested the application be restyled accordingly.

On April 30, 2024, the administrative law judge (ALJ) filed Order No. 14, directing the Staff (Staff) of the Public Utility Commission of Texas (Commission) to file a recommendation on sufficiency of notice by June 12, 2024. Therefore, this pleading is timely filed.

II. REQUEST FOR EXTENSION

Under 16 Texas Administrative Code (TAC) § 22.4(b), a party may request that the time allowed for filing any documents be extended for good cause. Staff and the Applicants had believed the underlying discrepancy regarding notice materials had been resolved, however upon further investigation an outstanding issue regarding the correct number of customers is still present that prevents Applicants from providing proper notice. Staff and Applicants request an extension of the deadlines and recommends that Applicants be ordered to file proof of notice by July 17, 2024, and that Staff be given a deadline of July 31, 2024, to file a recommendation on sufficiency of notice.

III. CONCLUSION

Staff respectfully requests the entry of an order extending Applicants' deadline to file proof of notice to July 17, 2024, and that Staff be given a deadline of July 31, 2024, to file a recommendation on sufficiency of notice.

Dated: June 12, 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 June 12, 2024, in accordance with the Second Order Suspending Rules, filed in Project No. 50664.

/s/ Kevin Pierce
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