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

**COMMISSION STAFF'S SUPPLEMENTAL RECOMMENDATION ON SUFFICIENCY
OF NOTICE**

On December 12, 2022, Orange County Water Control & Improvement District No. 1 (Lexington) (Orange County WCID No. 1) filed an application to amend Certificate of Convenience and Necessity (CCN) number 10115 in Orange County. 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 June 30, 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 November 13, 2024, the administrative law judge (ALJ) filed Order No. 18, directing the Staff (Staff) of the Public Utility Commission of Texas (Commission) to file a recommendation on sufficiency of notice by January 13, 2025. Therefore, this pleading is timely filed.

I. SUFFICIENCY OF NOTICE

On December 3, 2024, Orange County WCID No. 1 and Water Necessities, Inc. filed a response to the motion to dismiss, provided proof of notice, and requested that the docket not be dismissed. Staff has reviewed the proof of notice and recommends that the notice be deemed deficient. Orange County WCID No. 1 did not provide proof of notice to Kelly G Brewer (CCN No. 12400), Mauriceville Municipal Utility District (CCN No. 11722), Orangefield Water Supply Corporation (CCN No. 12684), or the sitting Orange County Judge. Staff recommends that Orange

County WCID No. 1 be ordered to file proof of notice by February 10, 2025, and that Staff be given a deadline of March 10, 2025, to file a recommendation on sufficiency of notice.

II. CONCLUSION

For the reasons detailed above, Staff recommends that the notice be deemed deficient, that Orange County WCID No. be ordered to file proof of notice by February 10, 2025, and that Staff be given a deadline of March 10, 2025, to file a supplemental recommendation on sufficiency of notice. Staff respectfully requests the entry of an order consistent with these recommendations.

Dated: January 13, 2025

Respectfully submitted,

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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 January 13, 2025, in accordance with the Second Order Suspending Rules, filed in Project No. 50664.

/s/ Kevin Pierce
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