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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 January 21, 2025, the administrative law judge (ALJ) filed Order No. 19, directing the Staff (Staff) of the Public Utility Commission of Texas (Commission) to file a recommendation on sufficiency of notice by March 10 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 recommended that the notice be deemed deficient. Order No. 19 directed Orange County WCID No. 1 to provide proof of notice by February 10, 2025. Orange County WCID No. 1 failed to do so. Staff has been in contact with Orange County WCID No. 1 and can represent that Orange County WCID No. 1 is diligently working to provide the required proof of notice. Staff recommends that Orange County WCID No. 1 be ordered to file proof of notice by April 21, 2025,

and that Staff be given a deadline of May 21, 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 April 21, 2025, and that Staff be given a deadline of May 21, 2025, to file a supplemental recommendation on sufficiency of notice. Staff respectfully requests the entry of an order consistent with these recommendations.

Dated: March 10, 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 March 10, 2025, in accordance with the Second Order Suspending Rules, filed in Project No. 50664.

/s/ Kevin Pierce
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