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APPLICATION OF TEXAS WATER UTILITIES, L.P. AND WOODLAND OAKS UTILITY LP FOR SALE, TRANSFER, OR MERGER OF FACILITIES AND CERTIFICATE RIGHTS IN MONTGOMERY COUNTY	§ § § § § §	PUBLIC UTILITY COMMISSION OF TEXAS
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COMMISSION STAFF'S SECOND REQUEST FOR EXTENSION

I. INTRODUCTION

On January 4, 2023, Texas Water Utilities, L.P. (TWU) and Woodland Oaks Utility Company, Inc. (Woodland Oaks) (collectively, Applicants) file an application for the sale, transfer, or merger (STM) of facilities and certificate rights in Montgomery County under the provisions of Texas Water Code (TWC) § 13.301 and 16 Texas Administrative Code (TAC) § 24.239.

On March 13, 2023, the administrative law judge (ALJ) filed Order No. 5, directing the Staff (Staff) of the Public Utility Commission of Texas (Commission) to request a hearing or file a recommendation on final disposition of the STM application and name change request by May 8, 2023. Therefore, this pleading is timely filed.

II. REQUEST FOR EXTENSION

Under 16 Texas Administrative Code (TAC) § 22.4(b), Staff may request that the time allowed for filing any documents be extended for good cause. The Office of Public Utility Counsel (OPUC) filed a statement of position on phased in rates on April 24, 2023. OPUC's statement of position represents the first time the issue of phased in rates was introduced in this proceeding. On May 1, 2023, TWU filed a response to OPUC's statement of position. Due to the timing of when the issue of phased in rates was introduced into this proceeding, Staff requires additional time to examine the issue and formulate its position on whether phased in rates should be implemented in this proceeding, and if so, what phase of TWU's tariff should be implemented. Therefore, Staff respectfully requests the entry of an order extending the deadline for Staff to request a hearing or file a recommendation on final disposition to May 29, 2023. Staff has conferred with the Applicants and OPUC and is authorized to represent that they are unopposed to this extension request.

III. CONCLUSION

For the reasons stated above, Staff respectfully requests that the deadline for Staff to request a hearing or file a recommendation on final disposition be extended until May 29, 2023.

Date: May 5, 2023

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 was provided to all parties of record via electronic mail on May 5, 2023 in accordance with the Second Order Suspending Rules, filed in Project No. 50664.

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