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<b>APPLICATION OF TEXAS WATER UTILITIES, LP AND WOODLAND OAKS UTILITY LP FOR SALE, TRANSFER, OR MERGER OF FACILITIES AND CERTIFICATE AND RIGHTS AND FOR A NAME CHANGE TO CERTIFICATES OF CONVENIENCE AND NECESSITY IN MONTGOMERY COUNTY</b>	<b>§ § § § § § § § §</b>	<b>PUBLIC UTILITY COMMISSION  OF TEXAS</b>
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**COMMISSION STAFF’S REQUEST FOR EXTENSION**

On January 4, 2023, Texas Water Utilities, LP (TWU) and Woodland Oaks Utility, LP (Woodland Oaks) (collectively, the Applicants) filed 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 February 8, 2023, the Applicants amended the application for Woodland Oaks to request approval of a name change, so that the Commission can update Woodland Oaks' name on its water and sewer certificates of convenience and necessity (CCN) and tariffs from Woodland Oaks Utility Company, Inc. to Woodland Oaks Utility, LP.

On July 19, 2023, the administrative law judge (ALJ) filed Order No. 12, approving the sale and transfer to proceed, which included Ordering Paragraph No. 5 stating that the “[o]rder does not transfer the water or sewer service areas at issue in this proceeding from Woodland Oaks or authorize [TWU] to provide service in Woodland Oaks' certificated service areas” and that “Woodland Oaks must provide continuous and adequate service in its certificated service areas until a final order or notice of approval issued by the Commission transfers the requested water and sewer service areas.”<sup>1</sup> On August 21, 2023, the Applicants filed a request for clarification of Order No. 12. On September 14, 2023, the ALJ filed Order No. 13, establishing a deadline of September 29, 2023 for the Staff (Staff) of the Public Utility Commission of Texas (Commission) to file a statement of position on the request for clarification. Therefore, this pleading is timely filed.

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<sup>1</sup> Order No. 12 Approving Sale and Transfer to Proceed at Ordering Paragraph No. 5 (Jul. 19, 2023).

**I. REQUEST FOR EXTENSION**

Pursuant to 16 TAC § 22.4(b), a party may request that the time allowed for the filing of any documents be extended for good cause. Staff requires additional time to finalize its statement of position and respectfully requests an extension until October 13, 2023.

**II. CONCLUSION**

Staff respectfully requests the entry of an order granting the extension request.

Dated: September 29, 2023

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 September 29, 2023 in accordance with the Second Order Suspending Rules, issued in Project No. 50664.

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