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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 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 TO AMEND THE PROCEDURAL SCHEDULE**

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 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 Woodland Oaks' name on its water and sewer certificates of convenience and necessity (CCN) and tariffs can be updated from Woodland Oaks Utility Company, Inc. to Woodland Oaks Utility, LP.

On December 27, 2023, the administrative law judge filed Order No. 16, directing the Staff (Staff) of the Public Utility Commission of Texas (Commission) provide final maps, certificates, and tariffs to the Applicants for review and consent by January 26, 2024. And although not included in Order No. 16, Staff proposed a procedural schedule on December 22, 2023, which included a deadline for Staff to file a recommendation on TWU’s capital improvements plan by January 26, 2024. Therefore, this pleading is timely filed.

**I. REQUEST TO AMEND THE PROCEDURAL SCHEDULE**

Under 16 TAC § 22.4(b), Staff may request that the time allowed for filing any documents be extended for good cause. Staff requires additional time to formulate its recommendation on TWU’s capital improvement plan and to finalize the final maps, certificates, and tariffs for this docket. Therefore, Staff respectfully requests to amend the procedural schedule as proposed below.

Events	Date
Deadline for Staff to file a recommendation on TWU's capital improvements plan	February 5, 2024
Deadline for Staff to provide final maps, certificates, and tariffs (if applicable) to Applicants for review and consent	February 5, 2024
Deadline for Applicants to file signed consent forms with the Commission	February 12, 2024
Deadline for parties to jointly file Proposed Notice of Approval, including findings of fact, conclusions of law, and ordering paragraphs	February 19, 2024

## II. CONCLUSION

For the reasons discussed above, Staff respectfully requests the entry of an order amending the procedural schedule.

Date: January 26, 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 January 26, 2024 in accordance with the Second Order Suspending Rules, filed in Project No. 50664.

*/s/ Scott Miles*  
Scott Miles