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APPLICATION OF TEXAS WATER	§	PUBLIC UTILITY COMMISSION
UTILITIES, LP AND SOUTHERN	§	
HORIZONS DEVELOPMENT, INC.	§	OF TEXAS
FOR SALE, TRANSFER, OR MERGER	§	
OF FACILITIES AND CERTIFICATE	§	
RIGHTS IN LIBERTY AND	§	
MONTGOMERY COUNTIES	§	

ORDER NO. 9
FINDING NOTICE SUFFICIENT AND ADOPTING PROCEDURAL SCHEDULE

This Order addresses the sufficiency of the notice of Texas Water Utilities, LP and Southern Horizons Development, Inc.'s application for approval of the sale, transfer, or merger (STM) of facilities and certificate rights in Liberty and Montgomery counties.

On April 26, 2023, Texas Water Utilities filed the affidavit of Brian Bahr, Texas Water Utilities' director of rates and regulatory affairs, attesting that notice of the application was provided to current customers, landowners, neighboring utilities, and affected parties on April 20, 2023. On May 9, 2023, Texas Water Utilities filed a publisher's affidavit attesting to the publication of notice in the *Houston Business Journal*, a newspaper of general circulation in Harris, Liberty, and Montgomery counties, on April 21 and 28, 2023. On June 7, 2023, Texas Water Utilities filed the affidavit of Mr. Bahr attesting that there are no tracts of land greater than 25 acres located wholly or partially within the requested area.

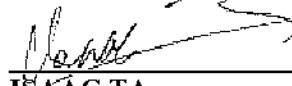
On May 22 and June 21, 2023, Commission Staff filed recommendations regarding the sufficiency of notice.

The administrative law judge finds the notice sufficient and adopts the following procedural schedule.

<u>Event</u>	<u>Date</u>
Notice completed	April 28, 2023
Deadline for intervention	May 28, 2023
Deadline for Commission Staff to request a hearing or file a recommendation on approval of the transaction	July 17, 2023
Deadline for parties to file a response to Commission Staff's recommendation	July 24, 2023
Deadline for parties to file a joint motion to admit evidence and proposed order approving the sale and authorizing the transaction to proceed	August 7, 2023
120-day deadline for Commission to approve the transaction or require a hearing	August 28, 2023

Signed at Austin, Texas the 22nd day of June 2023.

PUBLIC UTILITY COMMISSION OF TEXAS



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ADMINISTRATIVE LAW JUDGE