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APPLICATION OF TEXAS WATER UTILITIES, LP AND SOUTHERN HORIZONS DEVELOPMENT, INC. FOR SALE, TRANSFER, OR MERGER OF FACILITIES AND CERTIFICATE RIGHTS IN LIBERTY AND MONTGOMERY COUNTIES	§ § § § § § §	PUBLIC UTILITY COMMISSION OF TEXAS
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**TEXAS WATER UTILITIES, L.P.'S RESPONSE TO
COMMISSION STAFF'S RECOMMENDATION ON APPROVAL
OF THE SALE AND THE CCN AMENDMENT**

Texas Water Utilities, L.P. (TWU) files this response to Public Utility Commission of Texas (Commission) Staff's recommendation on the approval of the sale and on the Certificate of Convenience and Necessity (CCN) amendment, filed on July 17, 2023.

I. BACKGROUND

On February 2, 2023, TWU and Southern Horizons Development, Inc. (Southern Horizons) filed an application for the sale, transfer, or merger of facilities and certificate rights in Liberty and Montgomery counties under Texas Water Code § 13.301 and 16 Texas Administrative Code § 24.239. On June 22, 2023, the administrative law judge issued Order No. 9, establishing a deadline of July 17, 2023 for Commission Staff to file a recommendation on approval of the sale and on the CCN amendment and a deadline of July 24, 2023 for parties to file a response to Commission Staff's recommendation. Therefore, this pleading is timely filed.

II. RESPONSE

TWU has no comments on, and is unopposed to, Staff's final recommendation. TWU is authorized by Southern Horizons to represent the same on its behalf.

III. CONCLUSION

TWU respectfully requests the entry of an Order approving the sale and CCN amendment as proposed consistent with Commission Staff's recommendation. Additionally, TWU requests any further relief to which it has shown itself entitled.

Respectfully submitted,

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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 July 24, 2023, in accordance with the Order Suspending Rules, issued in Project No. 50664.

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