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APPLICATION OF HEARTHSTONE	§	PUBLIC UTILITY COMMISSION
WATER, INC., AND TRITON TEXAS	§	
HOLDINGS LLC FOR APPROVAL OF	§	OF TEXAS
CHANGE IN OWNERSHIP UNDER	§	
TWC § 13.302	§	

**COMMISSION STAFF'S RESPONSE TO ORDER NO. 4 REGARDING COMMENTS
ON NOTICE**

I. INTRODUCTION

On February 14, 2023, Hearthstone Water, Inc., and Triton Texas Holdings LLC, filed an application for a change in ownership under Texas Water Code (TWC) § 13.302 and 16 Texas Administrative Code (TAC) § 24.243 of the controlling interests in Horseshoe Bend Water Company LLC (Horseshoe), and Lone Star Water Company (Lone Star). Horseshoe Bend provides water service under certificate of convenience and necessity (CCN) number 10263 in Parker County. Lone Star provide water service under CCN number 13279 in Denton County. The applicants seek approval to transfer and assign certain interests in Triton Texas Holdings, to Hearthstone Water immediately, followed by a merger of Triton Texas Holdings into its parent Hearthstone Water. After the merger, Hearthstone Water would be the surviving entity holding 100% of the issued and outstanding shares of stock in Horseshoe and Lone Star.

On April 17, 2023, the Administrative Law Judge (ALJ) filed Order No. 4 stating that by April 25, 2023, Commission Staff (Staff) must file comments on the administrative completeness of the petition. Therefore, this pleading is timely filed.

II. STAFF'S COMMENTS ON NOTICE

Under TWC § 13.302 and 16 TAC § 24.243, there are no specific notice requirements for applications such as this one. Further, no specific notice was required by the presiding ALJ or the Commission. As such, Staff finds this application administratively complete without comment on notice.

III. CONCLUSION

For the reasons stated above, Staff respectfully recommends that the application be deemed administratively complete and respectfully requests the entry of an order consistent with the above recommendation.

Date: April 18, 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 April 18, 2023, in accordance with the Order Suspending Rules, issued in Project No. 50664.

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