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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 AMENDED PROPOSED PROCEDURAL SCHEDULE

I. INTRODUCTION

On February 14, 2023, Hearthstone Water, Inc. (Hearthstone), and Triton Texas Holdings LLC (Triton), 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 June 16, 2023, the Administrative Law Judge (ALJ) filed Order No. 8 providing a deadline for Commission Staff to provide final maps certificates, and tariffs (if applicable), to the applicants for review and consent by June 29, 2023. Therefore, this pleading is timely filed.

II. STAFF’S AMENDED PROPOSED PROCEDURAL SCHEDULE

On June 15, 2023, staff filed a proposed procedural schedule recommending a deadline for Commission staff to provide final certificates, as well as maps and tariffs (if applicable), to the applicants for review and consent. However, maps, certificates and tariffs are not issued for TWC § 13.302 petitions. As such, Staff would recommend withdrawal of the previously established procedural schedule.

III. STAFF'S AMENDED PROPOSED PROCEDURAL SCHEDULE

In accordance with Staff's recommendation that the previous procedural schedule be withdrawn, Staff proposes the following amended procedural schedule:

Events	Date
Deadline for parties to jointly file Proposed Notice of Approval, including findings of fact, conclusions of law, and ordering paragraphs	July 13, 2023

IV. CONCLUSION

For the reasons stated above, Staff respectfully recommends that applicants' closing documents be found sufficient and that the above proposed procedural schedule be adopted. Staff respectfully requests that an order be issued consistent with the foregoing recommendations.

Date: June 23, 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 was provided to all parties of record via electronic mail on June 23, 2023, in accordance with the Order Suspending Rules, issued in Project No. 50664.

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