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APPLICATION OF STAFF WATER	§	PUBLIC UTILITY COMMISSION
SUPPLY CORPORATION AND CITY	§	
OF CARBON FOR SALE, TRANSFER,	§	OF TEXAS
OR MERGER OF FACILITIES AND	§	
CERTIFICATE RIGHTS IN EASTLAND	§	
COUNTY	§	

ORDER NO. 5 FINDING NOTICE, AS SUPPLEMENTED, SUFFICIENT AND ESTABLISHING PROCEDURAL SCHEDULE

This Order addresses the sufficiency of notice for the March 7, 2023, application of Staff Water Supply Corporation and the City of Carbon for approval of the sale, transfer, or merger of facilities and certificate rights in Eastland County as supplemented on April 25, May 5, June 29, and July 28, 2023.

The City of Carbon filed an affidavit of notice to current customers, neighboring utilities, and affected parties on June 29, 2023, indicating that the notice of the application was mailed to current customers, neighboring utilities, and affected parties on June 9, 2023. Carbon filed the affidavit and a copy of the name and address of every person and entity to which notice was provided, accompanied by the maps in the docket within 30 days of the notice. The affidavit also indicated that notice was published in a newspaper having general circulation once each week for two consecutive weeks in the county where the requested area is located. This notice by publication was completed on June 22, 2023. On July 28,2023, Carbon filed a list of the landowners with properties wholly or partially in the requested area, the acreage owned by each listed owner, a copy of the applicable appraisal district maps overlaid with the requested area, and an affidavit attesting to the fact that notice was given to all landowners with 25 acres or more in the requested area.

On August 14, 2023, Commission Staff filed a recommendation on the sufficiency of notice and proposed a procedural schedule.

The administrative law judge finds the notice sufficient and adopts the following procedural schedule for continued processing of the application in this proceeding:

Event	Date
Notice complete	July 26, 2023
Deadline for intervention	August 25, 2023
Deadline for Commission Staff to request a hearing or file a recommendation on the approval of the sale	September 25, 2023
Deadline for parties to file a response to Commission Staff's recommendation on approval of sale	October 11, 2023
Deadline for parties to file a joint motion to admit evidence and proposed order approving sale and allowing transaction to proceed	October 23, 2023
120-day deadline for the Commission to approve the sale or require a hearing	November 27, 2023 ¹

Signed at Austin, Texas on the 15th day of August 2023.

PUBLIC UTILITY COMMISSION OF TEXAS

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JEFFREY J. HUHN ADMINISTRATIVE LAW JUDGE

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¹ The 120-day deadline falls on Thursday, November 23, 2023. As the Commission is closed for business due to observance of the Thanksgiving holiday, under 16 Texas Administrative Code § 22.4(a), the deadline moves to the next day the Commission is open for business, in this proceeding: Monday, November 27, 2023.