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APPLICATION OF QUADVEST, LP TO§PUBLIC UTILITY COMMISSIONAMEND ITS CERTIFICATES OF§CONVENIENCE AND NECESSITY IN§HARRIS COUNTY§

COMMISSION STAFF'S RECOMMENDATION ON SUFFICIENCY OF NOTICE AND PROPOSED PROCEDURAL SCHEDULE

On April 5, 2023, Quadvest, LP (Quadvest) filed an application to amend its certificates of convenience and necessity (CCN) numbers 11612 and 20952 in Harris County.

On June 8, 2023, the administrative law judge (ALJ) filed Order No. 2, directing the Staff (Staff) of the Public Utility Commission of Texas (Commission) to file comments on the sufficiency of notice and a recommendation regarding how to proceed with the application and propose a procedural schedule by July 16, 2023. Therefore, this pleading is timely filed¹.

I. SUFFICIENCY OF NOTICE

Staff has reviewed Quadvest's proof of notice, and the related affidavits filed on June 29, 2023, and recommends that it be found sufficient. Specifically, Quadvest filed an affidavit of notice dated June 29, 2023, and signed by Mark L. Urback, VP of Construction and Engineering of Quadvest, attesting that notice of the application, along with a map of the requested service area, was sent to neighboring utilities, landowners, and other affected parties on June 14, 2023, consistent with Staff's recommendations on administrative completeness. Further, Quadvest filed a publisher's affidavit dated June 26, 2023, and signed by Victoria Bond of the Houston Chronicle, a newspaper of general circulation in Harris County, attesting that notice was published Harris County on June 15 and June 22, 2023. Therefore, Staff recommends that Quadvest's proof of notice be found sufficient.

II. PROCEDURAL SCHEDULE

In accordance with Staff's recommendation that notice be found sufficient, Staff proposes the following procedural schedule:

¹ Pursuant to 16 TAC § 22.4(a), if the deadline for a filing falls on a day that the commission is not open for business, the deadline is extended until the end of the next day on which the commission is open for business. The Commission was not open for business on July 16^{th} , therefore the deadline for Staff's recommendation falls on July 17^{th} .

Event	Date
Notice Completed	June 14, 2023
Deadline for Intervention	July 14, 2023
Deadline for Staff to provide final maps, certificates, and tariffs (if applicable) to Applicant for review and consent	August 15, 2023
If no hearing is requested, deadline for Staff to file a final recommendation on the Application	August 22, 2023
If no hearing is requested, deadline for parties to file joint proposed findings of fact and conclusions of law.	August 29, 2023

III. CONCLUSION

For the reasons detailed above, Staff recommends that the notice be found sufficient and that the proposed procedural schedule be adopted. Staff respectfully requests the entry of an order consistent with this pleading.

Dated: July 17, 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 will be provided to all parties of record via electronic mail on July 17, 2023, in accordance with the Second Order Suspending Rules, issued in Project No. 50664.

<u>/s/ Kevin Pierce</u> Kevin Pierce