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APPLICATION OF DRIFTWOOD	§	PUBLIC UTILITY COMMISSION
WATER CONSERVATION, LLC FOR	§	
AN EXEMPT UTILITY	§	OF TEXAS
REGISTRATION	§	

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

On May 22, 2023, Driftwood Water Conservation, LLC (Driftwood) filed an application for an exempt utility registration in accordance with Texas Water Code § 13.242(c) and 16 Texas Administrative Code (TAC) § 24.229(e). Driftwood filed supplemental information on July 27, 2023, August 24, 2023, September 12, 2023, and October 30, 2023.

On October 24, 2023, the administrative law judge (ALJ) filed Order No. 5 and, noting that the ALJ could not find proof of notice being provided to existing customers, directed the Staff (Staff) of the Public Utility Commission of Texas (Commission) to file a recommendation on sufficiency of notice and propose a procedural schedule by November 21, 2023. Therefore, this pleading is timely filed.

I. SUFFICIENCY OF NOTICE

On September 5, 2023, Staff recommended that Driftwood proceed with providing public notice to all current customers and to each future customer at the time they connect to the system. On September 12, 2023, Driftwood provided copies of the notice forms sent to all existing customers. On October 30, 2023, Driftwood filed an updated exempt utility registration form stating that there are currently zero active customer connections with a potential to have a maximum of fifteen customer connections once the area is developed. Staff has reviewed the provided notice forms and recommends that notice be deemed sufficient.

II. PROCEDURAL SCHEDULE

Staff respectfully proposes the following procedural schedule:

Event	Date
Deadline for Commission Staff to provide final maps, certificates, and tariffs (if applicable) to Applicant for review and consent	December 20, 2023

Deadline for Applicant to file signed consent forms with the Commission	December 27, 2023
If no hearing is requested, deadline for Commission Staff to file a final recommendation on the application	January 10, 2024
If no hearing is requested, deadline for the parties to file joint proposed findings of fact and conclusions of law	January 24, 2024

III. CONCLUSION

Staff respectfully requests that Driftwood's notice be found sufficient and that the proposed procedural schedule be adopted.

Dated: November 21, 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 will be provided to all parties of record via electronic mail on November 21, 2023 in accordance with the Second Order Suspending Rules, filed in Project No. 50664.

/s/ Kevin Pierce

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