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APPLICATION OF TEXAS WATER UTILITIES, LP AND SWWC UTILITIES, INC. D/B/A HORNSBY BEND UTILITY COMPANY, INC. FOR SALE, TRANSFER, OR MERGER OF FACILITIES AND CERTIFICATE RIGHTS IN TRAVIS COUNTY	§ § § § § § §	PUBLIC UTILITY COMMISSION OF TEXAS
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**OFFICE OF PUBLIC UTILITY COUNSEL'S
REQUEST FOR A HEARING**

The Office of Public Utility Counsel (“OPUC”), representing the interests of residential and small commercial consumers in Texas, respectfully submits this request for a hearing on the merits pursuant to Order No. 5.¹ Pursuant to Order No. 5, the deadline to intervene in this proceeding was December 4, 2023. OPUC filed a motion to intervene on December 1, 2023,² and the Administrative Law Judge granted OPUC’s motion to intervene on December 12, 2023.³ Order No. 5 establishes a January 3, 2024 deadline for intervenors to file a response to Staff’s recommendation or request for hearing on the merits.⁴ Therefore, pursuant to Order No. 5, this request for a hearing is timely filed. While OPUC files this motion to preserve its right to a hearing, OPUC still supports the arguments set forth in its motion to abate this proceeding.⁵

¹ Order No. 5 Finding Notice Sufficient and Establishing Procedural Schedule at 2 (Nov. 21, 2023).

² OPUC’s Motion to Intervene (Dec. 1, 2023).

³ Order No. 6 Granting Intervention (Dec. 12, 2023).

⁴ Order No. 5 Finding Notice Sufficient and Establishing Procedural Schedule at 2 (Nov. 21, 2023).

⁵ OPUC’s Motion to Abate (Dec. 15, 2023).

Date: January 3, 2024

Respectfully submitted,

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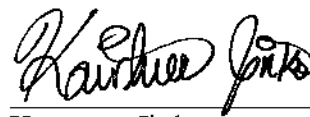


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I hereby certify that a copy of the foregoing document was served on all parties of record in this proceeding on this 3rd day of January 2024 by facsimile, electronic mail, and/or first-class, U.S. mail.



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