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<b>APPLICATION OF TEXAS WATER UTILITIES, LP AND SWWC UTILITIES, INC. DBA HORNSBY BEND UTILITY COMPANY, INC. FOR SALE, TRANSFER, OR MERGER OF FACILITIES AND CERTIFICATE RIGHTS IN TRAVIS COUNTY</b>	<b>§</b>	<b>PUBLIC UTILITY COMMISSION</b>
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**ORDER NO. 7  
GRANTING MOTION TO ABATE AND ABATING PROCEEDING**

This Order addresses the Office of Public Utility Counsel (OPUC)'s December 15, 2023 motion to abate this proceeding and Texas Water Utilities, LP's objection to the motion to abate filed on December 21, 2023.

The administrative law judge grants the abatement at this time. Texas Water Utilities and SWWC Utilities dba Hornsby Bend Utility Company, Inc., are affiliate companies, both wholly-owned by SouthWest Water Company, and Texas Water Utilities has asked to charge its existing tariffed rates, under Texas Water Code § 13.3011. Accordingly, this docket involves affiliates, and includes similar threshold issues relating to the sale, transfer, or merger of facilities and certificate rights between two affiliated entities, including the same threshold issues identified in the Order Requesting Briefing on Threshold Issues.<sup>1</sup> This docket will remain abated until an order is filed by the Commission that addresses the affiliate issue in Project No. 53924 or Docket Nos. 55157 and 54617. Once such an order is filed, the parties must confer and file a proposed procedural schedule for the further processing of this docket.

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<sup>1</sup> *Application of Texas Water Utilities, LP and Midway Water Utilities, Inc. for Sale, Transfer, or Merger of Facilities and Certificate Rights in Grayson, Harris, Hill, Johnson, Montgomery, and Palo Pinto Counties*, Docket No. 55157, Order Requesting Briefing on Threshold Issues at 1-2 (Nov. 17, 2023).

Signed at Austin, Texas on the 4th day of January 2024.

**PUBLIC UTILITY COMMISSION OF TEXAS**

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Christina Denmark", written over a horizontal line.

**CHRISTINA DENMARK**

**ADMINISTRATIVE LAW JUDGE**