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The Honorable Christina Denmark
Public Utility Commission of Texas
1701 N. Congress Ave., Room 8-100
Austin, TX 78701

Re: Docket No. 55304; *Application of Texas Water Utilities, L.P. and SWWC Utilities, Inc. dba Hornsby Bend Utility Company, Inc. for Sale, Transfer, or Merger of Facilities and Certificate Rights in Travis County*

Dear Judge Denmark:

Texas Water Utilities, L.P. (TWU) and SWWC Utilities, Inc. dba Hornsby Bend Utility Company, Inc. (Hornsby Bend) respectfully request the entry of a Notice of Approval in the above-referenced proceeding. TWU has a general rate case pending in Docket No. 56665.¹ The effective date for the rates requested by TWU is December 26, 2024.² The systems and customers served by Hornsby Bend are included in that rate case. The deadlines for Intervenors and Public Utility Commission of Texas (Commission) Staff to file direct testimony have passed,³ and no party has contested the inclusion of Hornsby Bend.

The hearing on the merits in Docket No. 56665 is scheduled for January 27–29, 2024.⁴ Consequently, the Commission will not render a final decision on TWU's application before December 26, 2024, and TWU's proposed rates will take effect.⁵ If a Notice of Approval for the instant proceeding is not issued on or before the effective date, then the parties will need to submit new tariff pages for approval that reflect the rates for Hornsby Bend that took effect December 26, 2024. To avoid confusion over tariffs and conserve the resources of the parties and the Commission, TWU and Hornsby Bend respectfully request the entry of a Notice of Approval before December 26, 2024.

¹ *Application of Texas Water Utilities, L.P. for Authority to Change Rates*, Docket No. 56665 (pending).

² *Id.*, SOAH Order No. 1 Notice of Prehearing Conference; Recognizing Intervention Deadline; Ruling on Motions to Intervene; General Procedural Requirements at 3 (Sept. 16, 2024); Tex. Water Code § 13.187.

³ *Id.*, SOAH Order No. 2 Memorializing Prehearing Conference; Adopting Procedural Schedule; Setting Hearing on the Merits at 2 (Oct. 1, 2024).

⁴ *Id.*, SOAH Order No. 4 Hearing Procedures and Evidence Submission at 1 (Dec. 2, 2024).

⁵ Tex. Water Code § 13.187(e).

Sincerely,

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