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APPLICATION OF CSWR-TEXAS	§	PUBLIC UTILITY COMMISSION
UTILITY OPERATING COMPANY,	§	
LLC AND VINEYARD RIDGE WATER	§	OF TEXAS
SUPPLY, LLC FOR SALE, TRANSFER,	§	
OR MERGER OF FACILITIES AND	§	
CERTIFICATE RIGHTS IN GILLESPIE	§	
COUNTY	§	

ORDER NO. 6 SOLICITING MOTION TO ADMIT EVIDENCE, REQUIRING CLARIFICATION, AND MAKING A DETERMINATION TO HOLD A HEARING

This Order addresses certain issues in this application by CSWR-Texas Utility Operating Company LLC and Vineyard Ridge Water Supply, LLC for the sale, transfer, or merger of facilities and certificate rights in Gillespie County.

I. Soliciting Motion to Admit Evidence

On February 2, 2024, the parties filed a joint motion to admit evidence. This motion included, at item number five, CSWR-Texas's affidavit of notice to current customers, neighboring utilities, and affected parties, including confidential Exhibit B, filed on October 27, 2023. However, the motion to admit evidence omits the affidavit of notice to landowners of over 25 acres located partly or wholly within the requested area in this application, which is exhibit C of the proof of notice documents and confidential exhibit D, both filed on October 27, 2023. The administrative law judge believes these items to be relevant to this proceeding.

By February 27, 2024, the parties must file a joint motion to admit the affidavit of notice to landowners of over 25 acres, which is exhibit C of the proof of notice documents, including confidential exhibit D filed on October 27, 2024, as evidence to the record of this proceeding.

II. Requiring Clarification from CSWR-Texas

In order to further process this docket, the administrative law judge requires clarification in order to make a determination regarding whether CSWR-Texas has the managerial and technical capability to provide continuous and adequate service, as required by Texas Water Code §§ 13.241(a) and 13.301(b) and 16 Texas Administrative Code §§ 24.227(a) and 24.239(j). Specifically, CSWR-Texas must clarify that it has filed all reports required by any governmental agency, including the Texas comptroller's office, the Texas Commission on Environmental

Quality, and the Texas secretary of state, and file an affidavit attesting that it is in good standing with all applicable regulatory entities.

By February 27, 2024, CSWR-Texas must file the required clarification and affidavit.

III. Notice of Hearing

To give the parties time to file the supplemental information required by this Order, and in accordance with Texas Water Code § 13.301(e), this Order serves as notice to the parties, which includes the Office of Public Utility Counsel, that the Commission has determined that it will hold a hearing to determine if the transaction will serve the public interest. The determination to hold a hearing may be withdrawn following the consideration of the supplemental material.

Signed at Austin, Texas on the 16th day of February 2024.

PUBLIC UTILITY COMMISSION OF TEXAS

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ADMINISTRATIVE LAW JUDGE

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