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APPLICATION OF HORSESHOE BEND	§	PUBLIC UTILITY COMMISSION
WATER COMPANY FOR GOOD	§	
CAUSE EXCEPTION TO EXTEND THE	§	OF TEXAS
TIME TO FILE ITS RATE	§	
APPLICATION IN ACCORDANCE	§	
WITH THE NOTICE OF APPROVAL IN	§	
DOCKET NO. 50085	Š	

COMMISSION STAFF'S RECOMMENDATION ON FINAL DISPOSITION

I. INTRODUCTION

On April 12, 2024, Horseshoe Bend Water Company (Horseshoe Bend) filed an application for a good-cause exception to extend the time to file its rate-change application as ordered in Docket No. 50085,¹ to April 1, 2025. The notice of approval in Docket No. 50085 included Ordering Paragraph No. 9 which ordered Horseshoe Bend to file a comprehensive base-rate proceeding within 18 months of the notice of approval. Horseshoe Bend filed supplemental information on July 3, 2024.

On July 12, 2024, the administrative law judge (ALJ) filed Order No. 4, directing the Staff (Staff) of the Public Utility Commission of Texas (Commission) to request a hearing or file a recommendation on final disposition by July 26, 2024. Therefore, this pleading is timely filed.

II. RECOMMENDATION ON FINAL DISPOSITION

Staff has reviewed the application and has no objection to the good-cause exception as requested. Staff supports Horseshoe Bend's request for a good-cause waiver to extend the 18-month deadline to file a rate application to no later than April 1, 2025. Staff and Horseshoe Bend are the only two parties to the proceeding. Therefore, Staff recommends that the application be approved.

III. CONCLUSION

For the reasons discussed above, Staff respectfully requests that Horseshoe Bend's good-cause waiver be approved.

¹ Application of Castle Water, Inc. dba Horseshoe Bend Water System and Horseshoe Bend Water Company, LLC for Sale, Transfer, or Merger of Facilities and Certificate Rights in Parker County, Docket No. 50085 (Nov. 29, 2022).

Dated: July 26, 2024

Respectfully submitted,

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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 July 26, 2024, in accordance with the Second Order Suspending Rules, filed in Project No. 50664.

_/s/ Cheri Hasz Cheri Hasz