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

ORDER NO. 1
REQUIRING COMMENTS ON THE APPLICATION, PROPOSED NOTICE, AND A
PROPOSED PROCEDURAL SCHEDULE

In this matter, Horseshoe Bend Water Company seeks a good cause exception to the requirements of 16 Texas Administrative Code (TAC) § 24.25(b)(1)(C) and Ordering Paragraph 9 of the Notice of Approval in Docket No. 50085.¹ Horseshoe Bend Water requests that the Commission extend its deadline to file a base-rate application, as ordered in Docket No. 50085, from May 29, 2024, to April 1, 2025.

The administrative law judge will continue processing this application; however, Horseshoe Bend Water is hereby notified that it is unlikely the Commission will make a final decision on the application in this proceeding before the May 29, 2024 deadline for Horseshoe Bend Water's base-rate application established in Docket No. 50085.

I. Requesting Proposed Procedural Schedule

By May 9, 2024, Commission Staff must file:

1. a recommendation on the sufficiency of the application;
2. a statement of position on the application, if any;
3. comments on the notice that should be required in this proceeding, if any; and
4. a proposed procedural schedule for processing the application.

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, Notice of Approval (Nov. 29, 2022).*

II. Filing Requirements

Unless otherwise specified, an original and ten copies of documents relating to this proceeding must be filed with the Commission's filing clerk in accordance with 16 Texas Administration Code (TAC) § 22.71. **In light of the Commission's Second Order entered in Docket No. 50664 (Commission's Second Order), this requirement will be considered satisfied if pleadings are filed with the Commission through the Interchange on the Commission's website as long as the Commission's Second Order is in effect.**²

Service of pleadings is typically governed by 16 TAC § 22.74. However, as long as the Commission's Second Order remains in effect, all parties must file any pleading or document with the Commission solely through the Interchange on the Commission's website and provide notice, by email, to all other parties that the pleading or document has been filed with the Commission, unless otherwise ordered by the presiding officer. It will be incumbent upon all other parties to obtain a copy of the pleading or document by accessing the Interchange at: <https://interchange.puc.texas.gov>.

All parties are required to provide their current addresses, **e-mail addresses**, telephone, and fax numbers, if available, to all other parties and to the Commission by filing and serving all parties with such information. Each party must provide the Commission and all parties with updated address, **e-mail address**, telephone, and fax information if such information changes. The **e-mail addresses**, telephone and fax numbers will be included on the service list for the convenience of the parties. Parties are responsible for updating their own service lists to reflect changed information and the addition of any other parties.

III. Ex Parte Communications

Ex parte communications with the administrative law judge (ALJ) are prohibited under 16 TAC § 22.3(b)(2). Parties must communicate with the ALJ only through written documents filed with the Commission's filing clerk and served on all parties. Questions concerning this Order, or any other order must be submitted in writing, filed with the Commission, and served on all parties of record.

² See *Issues Related to the State of Disaster for Coronavirus Disease 2019*, Docket No. 50664, Second Order Suspending Rules (July 16, 2020).

Signed at Austin, Texas on the 18th day of April 2024.

PUBLIC UTILITY COMMISSION OF TEXAS

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Rebecca Bromley-Williams", written over a horizontal line.

REBECCA BROMLEY-WILLIAMS
ADMINISTRATIVE LAW JUDGE

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