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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	§	

**COMMISSION STAFF'S COMMENTS ON APPLICATION AND NOTICE, AND
PROPOSED PROCEDURAL SCHEDULE**

I. ADMINISTRATIVE COMPLETENESS

On April 12, 2024, Horseshoe Bend Water Company 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.

On April 18, 2024, the administrative law judge (ALJ) filed Order No. 1, directing the Staff (Staff) of the Public Utility Commission of Texas (Commission) to file a recommendation on the sufficiency of the application; a statement on the application, if any; comments on the notice that should be required in this proceeding, if any; and a proposed procedural schedule for processing the application by May 9, 2024. Therefore, this pleading is timely filed.

II. RECOMMENDATION REGARDING SUFFICIENCY

Staff reviewed the application and no deficiencies were found. Staff recommends that the application be found sufficient. Staff's recommendation merely indicates that the application is sufficient to initiate Commission review.

III. NOTICE REQUIREMENTS

There are no notice requirements for this type of 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 (Nov. 29, 2022).

IV. PROCEDURAL SCHEDULE

At this time, subject to the ALJ's granting the applicant's good-cause exception, Staff will not be proposing a procedural schedule.

V. CONCLUSION

For the reasons stated above, Staff respectfully recommends that the application be deemed sufficient.

Date: May 9, 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 was provided to all parties of record via electronic mail on May 9, 2024 in accordance with the Second Order Suspending Rules, issued in Project No. 50664.

/s/ Cheri Hasz
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