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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 SUPPLEMENTAL RECOMMENDATION

I. INTRODUCTION

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 May 14, 2024, the administrative law judge (ALJ) filed Order No. 2, directing the Staff (Staff) of the Public Utility Commission of Texas (Commission) to file a supplemental recommendation discussing how this case differs from previous cases where the Commission considered extending time to file an 18-month baserate proceeding and why notice should not be required here by May 28, 2024. Therefore, this pleading is timely filed.

II. STAFF'S SUPPLEMENTAL RECOMMENDATION

Under 16 Texas Administrative Code (TAC) § 22.55, the ALJ may require a party to provide reasonable notice to affected parties. The Commission considered extending time to file an 18-month baserate proceeding in Docket No. 54017.² Staff recommended notice to customers

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).

² *Application of Park Water Company to Extend the Time to File a Rate Application in Accordance with Notice of Approval in Docket No. 49311*, Docket No. 54017.

in Docket No. 54017 and notice was ordered, given and deemed sufficient.³ Staff therefore recommends notice to customers to fulfill the requirements of 16 TAC § 22.55.

III. CONCLUSION

Staff respectfully requests entry of an order consistent with this pleading.

Date: May 28, 2024

Respectfully submitted,

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³ *Commission Staff's Recommendation on Sufficiency of the Application, Notice, and Proposed Procedural Schedule* (Sept. 30, 2022); *Order No. 2* (Oct. 4, 2022); *Affidavit of Park Water Company Attesting to Notice* (Oct. 28, 2022); *Order No. 4* (Nov. 16, 2022); Docket No. 54017.

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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 28, 2024 in accordance with the Second Order Suspending Rules, issued in Project No. 50664.

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