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

COMMISSION STAFF’S SUPPLEMENTAL RECOMMENDATION ON SUFFICIENCY OF NOTICE

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.

On June 5, 2024, the administrative law judge (ALJ) filed Order No. 3, directing the Staff (Staff) of the Public Utility Commission of Texas (Commission) to file a supplemental recommendation on the sufficiency of notice by July 8, 2024. Therefore, this pleading is timely filed.

II. RECOMMENDATION ON NOTICE

Staff has reviewed Horseshoe Bend’s proof of notice documents and recommends that they be found sufficient and fulfill the notice requirements of 16 TAC § 22.55. On July 3, 2024, Horseshoe Bend filed proof of notice that included the affidavit of Bryan Thomas, President and General Manager of Hearthstone Water, Inc., indicating that notice was served to ratepayers by including Notice with bills mailed to customers. Therefore, Staff recommends that Horseshoe Bend’s notice be found reasonable and sufficient.

III. CONCLUSION

Staff respectfully requests that the notice be found sufficient and that an order be issued consistent with the foregoing.

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 8, 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 8, 2024, in accordance with the Second Order Suspending Rules, filed in Project No. 50664.

/s/ Cheri Hasz
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