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APPLICATION OF THE ESTATE OF	§	PUBLIC UTILITY COMMISSION
HENRY M. GARZA DBA CIELO AZUL	§	
RANCH AND CIELO AZUL AGUA LLC	§	OF TEXAS
FOR SALE, TRANSFER, OR MERGER	§	
OF FACILITIES AND CERTIFICATE	§	
RIGHTS IN HAYS COUNTY	§	

**COMMISSION STAFF'S RECOMMENDATION ON NOTICE
AND PROPOSED PROCEDURAL SCHEDULE**

On May 13, 2024, the Estate of Henry M. Garza dba Cielo Azul Ranch Public Water System and Cielo Azul Agua LLC (collectively, Applicants) filed an application for the sale, transfer, or merger of facilities and certificate rights in Hays County.

On November 4, 2024, the administrative law judge filed Order No. 6, directing the Staff (Staff) of the Public Utility Commission of Texas (Commission) to file a recommendation on sufficiency of notice and to propose a procedural schedule by December 12, 2024. Therefore, this pleading is timely filed.

I. SUFFICIENCY OF NOTICE

Staff has reviewed the proof of notice filed by the Applicants on November 8, 2024, and recommends that the notice is sufficient. Specifically, the Applicants provided an Affidavit of Notice to Current Customers, Neighboring Utilities, and Affected Parties dated November 7, 2024, and signed by Allison Chambers, Office Manager for the Garza Management Trust of 1994, attesting that notice was mailed to current customers, neighboring utilities, and affected parties on November 6, 2024. The Applicants also provided a copy of the notice provided, a list of the name and address of every person and entity to which notice was provided, and the general location and detailed maps deemed sufficient during administrative review. Additionally, the Applicants filed an affidavit of notice dated November 7, 2024, and signed by Ms. Chambers, attesting there are no landowners owning tracts of land over 25 acres wholly or partly inside the requested CCN area. Therefore, Staff recommends that the Applicant's notice of the application be deemed sufficient for further processing of this matter.

II. PROPOSED PROCEDURAL SCHEDULE

Staff recommends that notice be deemed sufficient. Therefore, Staff proposes the following procedural schedule:

Event	Date
Notice completed	November 6, 2024
Deadline for intervention	December 6, 2024
Deadline for Staff to request a hearing or file a recommendation on approval of the sale	January 7, 2025
Deadline for Applicants to file a response to Staff's recommendation on approval of the sale or request a hearing	January 21, 2025
Deadline for parties to file a joint motion to admit evidence and proposed order approving the sale and allowing the transaction to proceed	February 4, 2025
120-day deadline for the Commission to approve the sale or require a hearing	March 6, 2025 ¹

III. CONCLUSION

For the reasons detailed above, Staff recommends that the Applicants' notice be found sufficient and that the proposed procedural schedule be adopted. Staff respectfully requests the entry of an order consistent with these recommendations.

¹ Under 16 TAC § 24.239(b) and (h), the deadline for Commission action is 120 days after the mailing or publication of notice, whichever occurs later. Notice was completed on November 6, 2024. One hundred and twenty days after November 6, 2024, is March 6, 2025.

Date: December 10, 2024

Respectfully submitted,

**PUBLIC UTILITY COMMISSION OF TEXAS
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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 December 10, 2024, in accordance with the Second Order Suspending Rules, issued in Project No. 50664.

/s/ Rowan Pruitt
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