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APPLICATION OF CORIX UTILITIES	§	PUBLIC UTILITY COMMISSION
(TEXAS) INC. FOR A NAME CHANGE,	§	
AND MINOR TARIFF CHANGE, AND	§	OF TEXAS
AMENDMENT TO CERTIFICATES	8	

### COMMISSION STAFF'S RECOMMENDATION REGARDING NAME CHANGE

On August 23, 2024, Corix Utilities (Texas) Inc. ("Corix") filed an application for a Name Change, and Amendment to Certificates of Convenience and Necessity, seeking to change the name on its tariffs and certificates held under CCN Nos. 21081 and 13277 to Utilities, Inc of Texas dba Corix Utilities (Texas) Inc. This name change application does not include any boundary changes to the certificated service areas.

On December 3, 2024, the administrative law judge (ALJ) filed order No. 5, requesting the Staff (Staff) of the Public Utility Commission of Texas (Commission) to file a recommendation on whether the streamlined procedure outlined in Texas Water Code (TWC) § 13.244(e)(2) is applicable and appropriate to this case by December 13, 2024. Therefore, this pleading is timely filed.

# I. RECOMMENDATION ON NAME CHANGE

As pointed out by the ALJ in Order No. 5, TWC § 13.244(e)(2) provides the executive director of the utility commission a method to make a correction to make a correction to a CCN without observing formal amendment procedures by reissuing the certificate or issuing an endorsement to the certificate. The TWC § 13.244(e)(2) requirements applicable to the name change in this proceeding are (1) whether an amendment to the certificate holder's articles of incorporation or certificate of formation is filed with the secretary of state that only changes the name of the certificate holder, and (2) the certificate holder provides verification from the secretary of state to the utility commission that the amendment only changed the name of the certificate holder.

Based on Staff's review of the record and including Corix's application, Staff agrees the procedure outlined in TWC § 13.244(e)(2) applies to this name change proceeding and that Corix's application satisfies both requirements under TWC § 13.244(e)(2). Although Staff believes the expedited proceed under § 13.244(e)(2) is applicable, it is a discretionary at the direction of the

executive director of the utility commission. Staff is unopposed to the formal approach taken in this docket, or the expedited process, pending the applicant's response.

Dated: December 13, 2024

Respectfully submitted,

# PUBLIC UTILITY COMMISSION OF TEXAS LEGAL DIVISION

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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 13, 2024 in accordance with the Second Order Suspending Rules, issued in Project No. 50664.

> /s/ Juan Guajardo Juan Guajardo