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House Bill (HB) 1600 and Senate Bill (SB) 567 83rd Legislature, Regular Session, transferred the functions relating to the economic regulation of water and sewer utilities from the TCEQ to the PUC effective September 1, 2014.

Fremont Water Co.

P.O. Box 291937

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Kerrville, Texas 78029-193/BLIC UTILITY COMMISSION FILING CLERK

August 13, 2014

Subject: Fremont Water Co. CCN 12821 Rate Change

Dear, Ms. Leila Guerrero

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Enclosed are the replacement pages you requested which were changed in the (Application for a Rate/Tariff Change). If you have any questions please call me at 830/895-0497,

Thank You,

Fred Gregory

UTILITIES & DISTRUCTS SECTION

NOTES PAYABLE - WATER

List the following information concerning debt and equity of the utility and attach copies of notes payable:

Round all percentages to two (2) decimal places.

| | | | Table IV. D. | | | |
|---------------|----------------------------|-------------|-------------------------|-----------------------------------|---------------|----------------------------|
| [A] | [B] | [c] | [0] | [田] | [F] | [6] |
| | Date of Issue | Date of | Original Amount of Loan | Outstanding or Unpaid Balance- | Interest Rate | Weighted Average |
| Name of | | Maturity | | End of Test Year | | $[E] \div \mathbb{G}^*[F]$ |
| Bank/Lender | | | | | | |
| Part 1 - Debt | | | | | | |
| NO DEBT | | | \$ | \$ | % | % |
| | | | \$ | S | % | % |
| | | | \$ | € | % | % |
| | | | 8 | 59 | % | % |
| | | | \$ | \$ | % | % |
| | | Total | 2 \$ | 2 \$ | | ⊒% |
| | | | | | | |
| | Part 2 - Investment/Equity | nent/Equity | | 2 \$ | ⊕% | ₽% |
| | Total Debt & Equity | e Equity | | § © | | , |
| | , | | | Rate of Return | Seturn | 8 % |

Total amount of original loans
Total amount of the outstanding balance on the loans
Equity in the utility - From Section IV. A.
Return on Equity - From Section IV. B.

STotal of 2+ 2

Total weighted average of debt - To Table V, Line [C]

 $\ensuremath{\mathbb{Z}}$ Weighted average of Investment/Equity $\ensuremath{\mathbb{Z}} \div \ensuremath{\mathbb{S}} * \ensuremath{\mathbb{Z}}$



ECTION VI - UTILITY INCOME & EXPENSE INFORMATION – WATER REVENUE REQUIREMENT

ease provide the following information regarding the cost to the utility of providing water utility service over your selected twelve month "test year." ote 1 - Instead of using the percentages listed, you may take the Total Cost and multiply it by 67% to determine the fixed portion and 33% for the triable portion.

| | | TABLE VI. A. | . A. | | | | |
|---|----------|--------------|------------|-------------|----------|----------------|----------|
| sst Year 1/1/13 to 12/31/13 | Line | 12 Month | Known and | Revenue | % of [2] | Fixed Expenses | Variable |
| | | test, | Measurable | Requirement | that is | (Note1) | Expenses |
| | | year" per | Changes | for next yr | fixed | | (Note 1) |
| | | books | | | (Note 1) | | |
| | | Z | 2 | 13-13-13 | 2 | S=(@*2/100 | 7=7-5 |
| Salaries and Wages | [A] | 0 | 0 | 0 | 50 | 0 | 0 |
| Contract Labor | [B] | 18,410 | 4,800 | 23,210 | 06 | | |
| Purchased Water | [C] | 0 | | 0 | 0 | | |
| Chemicals for Treatment | [D] | 1,173 | | 1,173 | 0 | | |
| Utilities (Electricity) | [E] | 4,116 | | 4,116 | 0 | | |
| Repairs/Maintenance/Supplies | [F] | 7.758 | | 7,758 | 50 | | |
| Office Expenses | [6] | 117 | | 117 | 50 | | |
| Accounting & Legal Fees | [H] | 3,270 | | 3,270 | 100 | | |
| Insurance | | 0 | 1,004 | 1,004 | 100 | | |
| Rate Case Expense | [J] | | | | 100 | | |
| Miscellaneous | [K] | 1,600 | | 1,600 | 50 | | |
| Subtotal-Sum of Line [Al thru Line [K] | [L] | 36,444 | | 42,248© | | | |
| Payroll Taxes | [M] | 0 | | 0 | 50 | | |
| Property and Other Taxes | | 948 | | 948 | 100 | | |
| nual Depreciation and Amortization-From Table III. B. Box 🗈 | [0] | 5,460 | | 5,460 | 100 | | |
| Income Taxes-From Table V, Line [F] | [P] | | 88 | | 100 | | |
| Return -From Table IV.E., Line[H] | [6] | | 14,685 | 14,685 | 100 | | |
| Subtotal-Sum of Line [L] thru Line [Q] | [R] | 42,852 | 14,773 | 63,341 | | | |
| her Revenues | [S] | 495 | | 495 | 100 | | |
| Total Cost=Line [R] - Line [S] | | 42,357 | 14,773 | 62,846® | | 6 | 9 |
| Alternative Allocation between Fixed and Variable [Note1] | <u>5</u> | | | 8 | 29 | 42,106.82@ | 20,739 @ |

SECTION IX - RATE DESIGN - WATER

VARIABLE RATE CALCULATIONS Ą

Table IX. A.

| | Line | ************************************** | Instructions |
|---|----------------------|--|--|
| Total Variable Costs | [A] | [A] \$20,739 | From Table VI. A., Line [T], Box Oor Line [U], Box O |
| Total # of Gallons Billed to Customers \square B] 9,108,316 | $\square \mathbf{B}$ | 9,108,316 | From Table VIII, Line [B] |
| Total # of 1,000 Gallons billed | [C] | [C] 9,108 | Divide Line [B] by 1,000 |
| Variable Cost per 1,000 gallons | [D] | [D] \$2.28 | Divide Line [A] by Line [C] Transfer to Table IX. B., Lines [E] through [J], Box 🗈 |

BASE RATE CALCULATIONS

| Table IX. B. | Line # of 1000 Variable Variable Total base | cost ber | in base 1,000 gals added to meter size | bill base rate | 2 7 7=2*2 S=2+2 | [A] 42,106.82 | [B] 143.5 | [C] \$2445 | | | [D] 24.45 0 2.28 0 24.45 | [E] 36.68 0 2.28 0 36.67 | [F] 61.13 0 2.28 0 61.13 | [G] 122.26 0 2.28 0 122.25 | [H] 195.62 0 2.28 0 195.56 | [I] 366.78 0 2.28 0 366.75 | |
|--------------|---|----------|--|----------------|-----------------|---|--|---|---|---------------------------|-----------------------------|--------------------------|--------------------------|----------------------------|----------------------------|----------------------------|--------|
| | | | | | [2] | 12,106.82 | 143.5 | \$2445 | | | 24.45 | 0 89.98 | 51.13 0 | 122.26 0 | 195.62 0 | 0 82.998 | |
| le IX. B. | Line | | | | | | | | * | , | | | | | | [1] 3 | L |
| Tab | | | | | | A., Line [T], Box @ or Line [U], Box @ | otal meter equivalents at end of test year - From Table VII, Line [K], Box © | for each unmetered connection [A] +[B] | | | Multiply [C] by 1 | Multiply [C] by 1.5 | Multiply [C] by 2.5 | Multiply [C] by 5.0 | Multiply [C] by 8.0 | Multiply [C] by 15.0 | |
| | | | | | | otal fixed costs - From Table VI. A., Line [T], Box @ or Line [U] | otal meter equivalents at end of test | ase charge per meter equivalent or for each unmetered connection at then divide by 12 | | ase charge per meter size | 5/8" x $3/4$ " or unmetered | 3/4" | 1" | 11/2" | 2" | 3" | Other. |

Trom Table IX. A., Line [D]

SECTION IX - RATE DESIGN - WATER

VARIABLE RATE CALCULATIONS

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Table IX. A.

| | Line | | Instructions |
|--|------|--------------|--|
| Total Variable Costs | [A] | [A] \$20,739 | From Table VI. A., Line [T], Box @or Line [U], Box @ |
| Total # of Gallons Billed to Customers [B] 9,108,316 | [B] | | From Table VIII, Line [B] |
| Total # of 1,000 Gallons billed | [C] | [C] 9,108 | Divide Line [B] by 1,000 |
| Variable Cost per 1,000 gallons | [D] | [D] \$2.28 | Divide Line [A] by Line [C] Transfer to Table IX. B., Lines [E] through [J], Box 🗈 |

BASE RATE CALCULATIONS

| | Tab | Table IX. B. | | | | | |
|---|--|--------------|-----------|-----------|------------|---------------|------------|
| | | Line | | # of 1000 | Variable | Variable | Total base |
| | | | | gallons | cost per | cost to be | rate per |
| | | | | in base | 1,000 gals | added to | meter size |
| | | | | bill | | base rate | |
| | | | 2 | 2 | 2 | i ∗i=i | (S)=2+2 |
| otal fixed costs - From Table VI. + | otal fixed costs - From Table VI. A., Line [T], Box @ or Line [U], Box @ | [A] | 42,106.82 | | | | |
| otal meter equivalents at end of test year - From Table VII, Line | t year - From Table VII, Line [K], Box © | [B] | 143.5 | | | | |
| ase charge per meter equivalent or for each unmetered connection | for each unmetered connection [A] ÷[B] | [c] | \$2445 | con. | | | 2 |
| id then divide by 12 | | | | 14. y | | | |
| ase charge per meter size | | 1 | | | 88 | ţ | |
| 5/8" x 3/4" or unmetered | Multiply [C] by 1 | [D] | 24.45 | 0 | 2.28 | 0 | 24.45 |
| 3/4" | Multiply [C] by 1.5 | [<u>E</u>] | 36.68 | 0 | 2.28 | 0 | 36.67 |
| 1" | Multiply [C] by 2.5 | [F] | 61.13 | 0 | 2.28 | 0 | 61.13 |
| 11/2" | Multiply [C] by 5.0 | [G] | 122.26 | 0 | 2.28 | 0 | 122.25 |
| 2" | Multiply [C] by 8.0 | [H] | 195.62 | 0 | 2.28 | 0 | 195.56 |
| 3" | Multiply [C] by 15.0 | | 366.78 | 0 | 2.28 | 0 | 366.75 |
| Other: | | [f] | | | i | 0 | |

Trom Table IX. A., Line [D]

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SECTION X - ALTERNATE METHOD OF RATE DESIGN - WATER

After you have performed the calculations in SECTION IX, you may find that the cost per 1,000 gallons is not what you think your customers will approve. If that is the case, then the following will allow you to calculate a rate structure that still recovers your revenue requirement, but with rates that you think may be more appropriate for your customers.

Table X A

| | | I able A. A. | |
|---|------------|--------------|---|
| | Line | | |
| Cost per 1,000 gallons | [A] \$3.75 | \$3.75 | This is the rate that you think is appropriate Enter in Table X. |
| | | | B., Column 2, Lines [B] through [H] |
| Total # of 1,000 Gallons billed | [B] | [B] 9,108 | From Table IX. A., Line [C] |
| Total Cost to be recovered through gallonage charge | [C] | \$34,155 | Multiply Line [A] times Line [B] |
| Total Revenue Requirement | [D] | \$62,846 | From Table VI. A., Line [T] Box ® |
| Total to be recovered through base rate | Œ | \$28,691 | Subtract Line [C] from Line [D] |
| Total number of meter equivalents | [F] | 143.5 | From Table VII, Line [K], Box ® |
| Base rate per meter equivalent | [G] | \$16.66 | Divide Line [E] by Line [F] & then divide by 12months Enter |
| | | 1 | this in Table X. B, Line [A] Column 2 |
| | | | |

| | | | Table X. B. | ъ. | | | |
|---|----------------------------|------|--------------|-----------------|----------------|---------------|---------------------------------|
| | | Line | | # of 1000 | Variable cost | Variable cost | Variable cost Total base bill |
| | | | | gallons in base | per 1,000 gals | added to | per meter size |
| | | | | bill | | base | |
| | | | 2 | [2] | Z | 2*2=2 | (S=2+2 |
| ase charge per meter equivalent or for each unmetered | lent or for each unmetered | [A] | ∽ | | | | |
| onnection From Table X. A, Line [G] | , Line [G] | | | 4 | | ~ | » |
| | Base rate per meter size | | 9 | ** | | | * |
| 5/8" x $3/4$ " or unmetered | Multiply [A] 🛽 by 1 | [B] | 16.67 | 0 | 3.75 | 0 | 16.67 |
| 3/4" | Multiply [A] 2 by 1.5 | [c] | 24.99 | 0 | 3.75 | 0 | 24.99 |
| 1" | Multiply [A] 2 by 2.5 | [D] | 41.65 | 0 | 3.75 | 0 | 41.65 |
| 11/2" | Multiply [A] 🛭 by 5.0 | [E] | 83.31 | 0 | 3.75 | 0 | 83.31 |
| 2" | Multiply [A] 2 by 8.0 | [F] | 133.29 | 0 | 3.75 | 0 | 133.29 |
| 3" | Multiply [A] 2 by 15.0 | [9] | 249.92 | 0 | 3.75 | 0 | 249.92 |
| Other: | | [H] | | | | | |

Trom Table X. A., Line [A]

NOTICE OF PROPOSED RATE CHANGE

| Fremont Water Co. | 12821 | |
|-------------------|------------|--|
| Company Name | CCN Number | |

has submitted a rate change application to the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality (Commission). The proposed rates listed on the next page will apply to service received after the effective date provided below. If the Commission receives protests to the proposed increase from 10 percent of the ratepayers or from any affected municipality before the 91st day after the proposed effective date, a public hearing will be scheduled to determine if the proposed rates are reasonable. Protests should be mailed to:

Texas Commission on Environmental Quality Water Supply Division Utilities & Districts Section, MC 153 P. O. Box 13087 Austin, Texas 78711-3087

Unless protests are received from 10 percent of the ratepayers or the Commission staff requests a hearing, no hearing will be held and rates will be effective as proposed. Please read the following information carefully:

Homestead @ turtle Creek Subdivisions or Systems Affected by Rate Change P.O Box 291937 Kerrville, Texas 78029-1937 830-895-0497 Company Address: Telephone \$20,949.00 August 6, 2014 Annual Revenue Increase Date Customer Notice Mailed Jan 25, 1997 Last day of month Date of Last Rate Change: Date Meters Typically: **EFFECTIVE DATE OF PROPOSED INCREASE:** Reason(s) for proposed Rate Change: Changes in operational and equipment costs from last tariff dated 1/25/1997

BILLING COMPARISON

Water 5/8x3/4"

| | | \$ 43.95 /mc | | | | |
|----------|-----------------|--------------|----------|-----------------|--------------|-----|
| Proposed | 10,000 gallons: | \$_54.17 /mc | Proposed | 30,000 gallons: | \$ 129.17 | /mo |
| Water 1" | | | | | | • |

The proposed rates will apply to all service rendered after the effective date and will be reflected on the bill you receive approximately 30 to 45 days after the effective date.

In the event that the application is set for hearing, the specific rates requested by the utility may be decreased or increased by order of the Commission. If the Commission orders a lower rate to be set, the utility may be ordered to refund or credit against future bills all sums collected during the pendency of the rate proceeding in excess of the rate finally ordered plus interest. You may inspect a copy of the rate change application at your utility's office or at the Commission's office at Park 35 - Building F, 12015 Park 35 Circle, Suite 3101, Austin, Texas, west side of IH-35, south of Yager Lane. Additional information about the application can be obtained by contacting the Utilities and Districts Section at 512/239-4691. Information about how you can participate in the rate setting process can be obtained by contacting the Public Interest Counsel at 512/239-6363.

AFFIDAVIT

| STATE OF TEXAS | , |
|---|---|
| COUNTY OF Kerr | |
| PROPOSED DATE CHANCE of Owner | eing duly sworn, file this NOTICE OF |
| (indicate relationship to Utility, that is, owner, member other authorized representative of Utility); that, in such and verify such NOTICE; and that all statements made | capacity, I am qualified and authorized to me |
| I further represent that a copy of the attached NOTICE | was provided by mail (mail or hand delivery) |
| to each customer or other affected party on or about | August 6 , 20 14 |
| | fred Millerenz |
| | 7 M T 17 M 1 T |
| | (Utility's Authorized Representative) |
| If the Affiant to this form is any person other than the attorney, a properly verified Power of Attorney must be | sole owner, partner, officer of the Utility, or its e enclosed. |
| SUBSCRIBED AND SWORN TO BEFORE ME, this the day ofAugust_which witness my hand and seal of office. | , 20 <u>14</u> , to certify |
| FRANCES M FOSS My Commission Expires November 7, 2016 | |
| SEAL | in much Moon |
| NOTARY PUBLIC IN AND FOR TH | STATE OF TEXAS |
| | PRINT OR TYPE NAME OF NOTARY |
| MY COMMISSIONEXPIRES | November 7, 2016 |

NOTICE OF PROPOSED RATE CHANGE -WATER (Cont.) Page 2

| CURRENT RATES | | PROPOSED RATES | |
|---------------------------------|---------------------------|---------------------------|---------------------|
| Monthly base rate including | 2000 gallons | Monthly base rate includi | ng 0 gallons |
| Meter Size: | | Meter Size: | |
| RESIDENTIAL | | RESIDENTIAL | |
| 5/8" x 3/4" or 5/8" | \$ 24.95 | 5/8" x 3/4"or 5/8" | \$ 16.67 |
| 3/4" | \$ 24.95 | 3/4" | \$ 24.99 |
| 1" | \$ 24.95 | 1" | \$ 41.65 |
| 1-1/2" | \$ 24.95 | 1-1/2" | \$ 83.31 |
| 2" | \$ 24.95 | 2" | \$ 133.29 |
| Other: 3" | \$ 24.95 | Other: 3" | \$ 249.92 |
| CALLONA CE CHADCE | | CALLONAGE CITADO | |
| GALLONAGE CHARGE: | | GALLONAGE CHARG | iE: |
| \$ 2.25 for each addition | nal 1000 gallons over the | \$ 3.75 From 0 to 10 | 0,000 gallons |
| the minimum. to 10,000 gallo | ons | \$ 3.75 From 10,00 | 1 to 20,000 gallons |
| \$2.75 from 10,001 to 20,000 g | gallons | \$ 3.75 From 20,00 | 1 gallons above |
| \$3.25 20,001 gallons and about | ove | | - |
| | | | |

| MISCELLANEOUS FEES | | MISCELLANEOUS FEE | S | |
|-----------------------|--------------------|------------------------|----|--------------|
| Tap Fee | \$ 495 | Tap Fee | \$ | 595 |
| Reconnect fee: | | Reconnect fee: | | |
| Non-payment | | Non-payment | | |
| (Maximum - \$25.00) | \$ 25 | (Maximum - \$25.00) | \$ | 25 |
| Customer's Request | \$ 25 | Customer's Request | \$ | 25 |
| Transfer Fee | \$ 25 | Transfer Fee | \$ | 25 |
| | 2.00 or 5% | Late charge: (Indicate | | 10% |
| Late Charge | \$ | either \$5.00 or 10%) | \$ | |
| Returned Check Charge | \$ 25. | Returned Check Charge | \$ | 25 |
| Deposit | \$ Maximum \$50 | Deposit (Maximum | | \$50 Maximum |
| | | \$50.00) | \$ | |
| Meter test fee | \$ 25 | Meter test fee | \$ | 25 |

Customer requested meter size change out maximum \$1495. Regulatory Assessment of 1% is added to base rate and gallonage charges.

| f applicable, list any bil | payment assistance pro | grams to low income Ratepayers. |
|----------------------------|------------------------|---------------------------------|
| | | |

| Fremont Water Co. | Water Tariff Page No. 2 | |
|--|-------------------------------------|--------------|
| (Water Utility Name) | ~ ~ | t 5, 2014, |
| | | |
| | ATE SCHEDULE | |
| Section 1.01 – Rates | 1 | |
| Monthly base rate including 0 gallons | | |
| | | |
| Meter Size: | | |
| Residential | | |
| 5/8"x ³ /4" \$ 16.67 | | |
| 3/4" \$ 24.99 | | |
| 1" \$ 41.65 | | |
| 1- 1/2" \$ 83.31. | | |
| 2" \$ 133.29 | | |
| Other: \$ | | |
| Ψ | | |
| Gallonage Charge: \$ 3.75 | | |
| | | |
| Regulatory Assessment Fee | | 1% |
| A REGULATORY ASSESSMENT, EQUAL TO ONE PERCE | ENT OF THE CHARGE FOR RETAIL WA | |
| ONLY, SHALL BE COLLECTED FROM EACH RETAIL CU | | TIER SERVICE |
| , | | |
| Section 1.02 - Miscellaneous Fees | | |
| | | |
| TAP FEE | | \$595 |
| TAP FEE IS BASED ON THE UTILITY=S ACTUAL COST I | FOR MATERIALS AND LABOR FOR ST | `ANDARD |
| RESIDENTIAL CONNECTION OF e" X : " METER. | | |
| DECOMPOSITOR DEC | | |
| RECONNECTION FEE | | |
| THE RECONNECT FEE WILL BE CHARGED BEFORE SEF | | OMER WHO HAS |
| BEEN DISCONNECTED FOR THE FOLLOWING REASON: | | |
| | payment of bill (Maximum \$25.00) | \$ 25 |
| | tomer's request | \$ 25 |
| Or other reasons listed | l under Section 20CF of this tariff | \$ 25 |
| TRANSFER FEE | | \$ 25 |
| THE TRANSFER FEE WILL BE CHARGED FOR CHANGIN | IG AN ACCOUNT NAME AT THE SAM | |
| LOCATION WHEN THE SERVICE IS NOT DISCONNECTE | | DODKVICE |
| | | |
| LATE CHARGE (Not more than \$5.00 or 10%)(Indicate | one) | \$ 10% |

A ONE TIME PENALTY MADE ON DELINQUENT BILLS BUT MAY NOT BE APPLIED TO ANY BALANCE TO

THIS FEE MAY BE CHARGED IF A CUSTOMER REQUESTS A SECOND METER TEST WITHIN A TWO YEAR

RATES LISTED ARE EFFECTIVE ONLY IF THIS PAGE HAS TCEQ APPROVAL STAMP

PERIOD AND THE TEST INDICATES THAT THE METER IS RECORDING ACCURATELY

CUSTOMER REQUESTED METER SIZE CHANGE OUT FEE (Maximum \$1495)

\$ 25

\$ 50

\$ 25.00

WHICH THE PENALTY WAS APPLIED IN A PREVIOUS BILLING.

METER TEST FEE (actual cost of testing the meter up to)

RETURNED CHECK CHARGE

CUSTOMER DEPOSIT (Maximum \$50)