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House Bill (HB) 1600 and Senate Bill (SB) 567 83<sup>rd</sup>  
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.

**WATER UTILITY TARIFF  
FOR**

Southern Horizons Development, Inc.  
(Utility Name)

Splendora, Texas 77372  
(City, State, Zip Code)

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(Business Address)  
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This tariff is effective for utility operations under the following Certificate(s) of Convenience and Necessity:

12863

This tariff is effective in the following county:

Liberty, Montgomery

This tariff is effective in the following cities or unincorporated towns (if any):

None

This tariff is effective in the following subdivisions or systems:

Southern Oaks Subdivision: (PWS #1460150)  
Southern Crossing Water System Phase 2: (PWS #1460158)

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SECTION 4.0 -- DROUGHT CONTINGENCY PLAN  
(Utility must attach copy of TCEQ approved Drought Contingency Plan)

**DROUGHT CONTINGENCY PLAN  
FOR THE  
INVESTOR OWNED UTILITY**

**Southern Horizons Development** 12863  
**Southern OaksWater System** 12863

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**Section 1 Declaration of Policy, Purpose, and Intent**

In cases of extreme drought, periods of abnormally high usage, system contamination, or extended reduction in ability to supply water due to equipment failure, temporary restrictions may be instituted to limit non-essential water usage. The purpose of the Drought Contingency Plan is to encourage customer conservation in order to maintain supply, storage, or pressure or to comply with the requirements of a court, government agency or other authority.

**Please note:** Water restriction is not a legitimate alternative if water system does not meet the Texas Natural Resource Conservation Commission's (TNRCC) capacity requirements under normal conditions or if the utility fails to take all immediate and necessary steps to replace or repair malfunctioning equipment.

**Section 2 Public Involvement**

Opportunity for the public to provide input into the preparation of the Plan was provided by:  
Bill insert inviting comment.

**Section 3 Public Education**

The Southern OaksWater System will periodically provide the public with information about the Plan, including information about the conditions under which each stage of the Plan is to be initiated or terminated and the drought response measures to be implemented in each stage.

Drought plan information will be provided by:  
Utility Bill Inserts

**Section 4 Coordination with Regional Water Planning Groups**

The service area of the Southern OaksWater System is located within: Region H

Regional Water Planning Group (RWPG) H

Southern OaksWater System has mailed a copy of this Plan to the RWPG

## Section 5 Notice Requirements

Written notice will be provided to each customer **prior to implementation or termination of each stage of the water restriction program**. Mailed notice must be given to each customer 72 hours prior to the start of water restriction. If notice is hand delivered, the utility cannot enforce the provisions of the plan for 24 hours after notice is provided. The written notice to customers will contain the following information:

1. the date restrictions will begin,
2. the circumstances that triggered the restrictions,
3. the stages of response and explanation of the restrictions to be implemented, and,
4. an explanation of the consequences for violations.

**The utility must notify the TNRCC by telephone at (512) 239- 6020, or electronic mail at watermon@tnrcc.state.tx.us prior to implementing the program and must notify in writing the Public Drinking Water Section at MC - 155, P.O. Box 13087, Austin, Texas 78711-3087 within five (5) working days of implementation including a copy of the utility's restriction notice. The utility must file a status report of its restriction program with the TNRCC every 30 days that restriction continues.**

## Section 6 Violations

1. First violation - The customer will be notified by written notice of their specific violation.
2. Subsequent violations:
  - a. After written notice, the utility may install a flow restricting device in the line to limit the amount of water which will pass through the meter in a 24 hour period. The utility may charge the customer for the actual cost of installing and removing the flow restricting device, not to exceed \$50.00.
  - b. After written notice, the utility may discontinue service at the meter for a period of seven (7) days, or until the end of the calendar month, whichever is LESS. The normal reconnect fee of the utility will apply for restoration of service.

## Section 7 Exemptions or Variances

The utility may grant any customer an exemption or variance from the drought contingency plan for good cause **upon written request**. A customer who is refused an exemption or variance may appeal such action of the utility in writing to the Texas Natural Resource Conservation

Commission. The utility will treat all customers equally concerning exemptions and variances, and shall not discriminate in granting exemptions and variances. No exemption or variance shall be retroactive or otherwise justify any violation of this Plan occurring prior to the issuance of the variance.

## **Section 8 Response Stages**

Unless there is an immediate and extreme reduction in water production, or other absolute necessity to declare an emergency or severe condition, the utility will initially declare Stage I restrictions. If, after a reasonable period of time, demand is not reduced enough to alleviate outages, reduce the risk of outages, or comply with restrictions required by a court, government agency or other authority, Stage II may be implemented with Stage III to follow if necessary.

### **STAGE I - VOLUNTARY WATER USE RESTRICTIONS:**

Stage 1 will begin:

**Every April 1<sup>st</sup>, the utility will mail a public announcement to its customers and the TNRCC.**

Stage 1 will end:

**Every September 30<sup>th</sup>, the utility will mail a public announcement to its customers and the TNRCC.**

#### Utility Measures:

This announcement will be designed to increase customer awareness of water conservation and encourage the most efficient use of water. A copy of the current public announcement on water conservation awareness shall be kept on file available for inspection by the TNRCC.

#### Voluntary Water Use Restrictions:

Water customers are requested to voluntarily limit the use of water for non-essential purposes and to practice water conservation.

### **STAGE II - MILD WATER USE RESTRICTIONS:**

Stage 2 will begin:

*Goal: Reduce total water use by 5%.*

#### Demand- or Capacity-Based Triggers

This condition exists when demand on the Utility's water supply reaches or exceeds 75% of the production capacity of such facilities for three (3) consecutive days, as determined by the District's operator.

*• production or distribution limitations*

**Upon initiation and termination of Stage 2, the utility will mail a public announcement to its customers and the TNRCC.**

Requirements for termination

Stage 2 of the Plan may end when all of the conditions listed as triggering events have ceased to exist for a period of three (3) consecutive days. Upon termination of Stage 2, Stage 1 becomes operative.

Utility Measures:

Visually inspect lines and repair leaks on a daily basis.

The second water source for The Southern Oaks Water System is:

Other well

Voluntary Water Use Restrictions:

1. Restricted Hours: Outside watering is allowed daily, but only during periods specifically described in the customer notice; between 10:00 PM and 5:00 AM for example; **OR**
2. Restricted Days/Hours: Water customers are requested to voluntarily limit the irrigation of landscaped areas with hose-end sprinklers or automatic irrigation systems. Customers are requested to limit outdoor water use to **Mondays for water customers with a street address beginning with the numbers 1, 2, or 3, Wednesdays for water customers with a street address beginning with the numbers 4, 5, or 6, and Fridays for water customers with a street address beginning with the numbers 7, 8, or 9.** Irrigation of landscaped areas is further limited to the hours of 12:00 midnight until 10:00 a.m. and between 8:00 p.m. and 12:00 midnight on designated watering days. However, irrigation of landscaped areas is permitted at anytime if it is by means of a hand-held hose, a faucet filled bucket or watering can of five (5) gallons or less, or drip irrigation system.

**STAGE III - MODERATE WATER USE RESTRICTIONS:**

*Goal to Reduce total water use by 10%*

Stage 3 will begin:

Demand- or Capacity-Based Triggers

This condition exists when demand on the Utility's water supply reaches or exceeds 85% of the production capacity of such facilities for three (3) consecutive days, as determined by the District's operator.

**Upon initiation and termination of Stage 3, the utility will mail a public announcement to customers and the TNRCC.**

*• production or distribution limitations*

Requirements for termination

Stage 3 of the Plan may end when all of the conditions listed as triggering events have ceased to exist for a period of three (3) consecutive days. Upon termination of Stage 3, Stage 2 becomes operative.

Utility Measures:

Visually inspect lines and repair leaks on a daily basis.  
Flushing is prohibited except for dead end mains.

Mandatory Water Use Restrictions: The following water use restrictions shall apply to all customers.

1. Irrigation of landscaped areas with hose-end sprinklers or automatic irrigation systems **shall be limited to Mondays for water customers with a street address beginning with the numbers 1, 2, or 3, Wednesdays for water customers with a street address beginning with the numbers 4, 5, or 6, and Fridays for water customers with a street address beginning with the numbers 7, 8, or 9.** Irrigation of landscaped areas is further limited to the hours of 12:00 midnight until 10:00 a.m. and between 8:00 p.m. and 12:00 midnight on designated watering days. However, irrigation of landscaped areas is permitted at anytime if it is by means of a hand-held hose, a faucet filled bucket or watering can of five (5) gallons or less, or drip irrigation system.
2. Use of water to wash any motor vehicle, motorbike, boat, trailer, airplane or other vehicle is prohibited except on designated watering days between the hours of 12:00 midnight and 10:00 a.m. and between 8:00 p.m. and 12:00 midnight. Such washing, when allowed, shall be done with a hand-held bucket or a hand-held hose equipped with a positive shutoff nozzle for quick rinses. Vehicle washing may be done at any time on the immediate premises of a commercial car wash or commercial service station. Further, such washing may be exempted from these regulations if the health, safety, and welfare of the public is contingent upon frequent vehicle cleansing, such as garbage trucks and vehicles used to transport food and perishables.
3. Use of water to fill, refill, or add to any indoor or outdoor swimming pools, wading pools, or "jacuzzi" type pools is prohibited except on designated watering days between the hours of 12:00 midnight and 10:00 a.m. and between 8 p.m. and 12:00 midnight.
4. Operation of any ornamental fountain or pond for aesthetic or scenic purposes is prohibited except where necessary to support aquatic life or where such fountains or ponds are equipped with a re-circulation system.
5. Use of water from hydrants or flush valves shall be limited to maintaining public health, safety, and welfare.



6. Use of water for the irrigation of golf courses, parks, and green belt areas is prohibited except by hand held hose and only on designated watering days between the hours 12:00 midnight and 10:00 a.m. and between 8 p.m. and 12:00 midnight.
7. The following uses of water are defined as non-essential and are prohibited:
  - a. wash down of any sidewalks, walkways, driveways, parking lots, tennis courts, or other hard-surfaced areas;
  - b. use of water to wash down buildings or structures for purposes other than immediate fire protection;
  - c. use of water for dust control;
  - d. flushing gutters or permitting water to run or accumulate in any gutter or street; and
  - e. failure to repair a controllable leak(s) within a reasonable period after having been given notice directing the repair of such leak(s).

**STAGE IV - CRITICAL WATER USE RESTRICTIONS:**

Goal: ~~20%~~ Reduce total water use by 20%.

Stage 4 will begin:

This condition exists when demand on the Utility's water supply reaches or exceeds 95% of the production capacity of such facilities for three (3) consecutive days, as determined by the District's operator.

*production or distribution limitations; supply contamination; system outage*

**Upon initiation and termination of Stage 4, the utility will mail a public announcement to its customers and the TNRCC.**

Requirements for termination :

Stage 4 of the Plan may be rescinded when all of the conditions listed as triggering events have ceased to exist for a period of three (3) consecutive days. Upon termination of Stage 4, Stage 3 becomes operative.

Operational Measures:

The utility shall visually inspect lines and repair leaks on a daily basis. Flushing is prohibited except for dead end mains and only between the hours of 9:00 p.m. and 3:00 a.m.. Emergency interconnects or alternative supply arrangements shall be initiated. All meters shall be read as often as necessary to insure compliance with this program for the benefit of all the customers.

Mandatory Water Use Restrictions: All outdoor use of water is prohibited.

1. Irrigation of landscaped areas is absolutely prohibited.
2. Use of water to wash any motor vehicle, motorbike, boat, trailer, airplane or other vehicle is absolutely prohibited.

## Chapter 290.47(b) Sample Service Agreement

### SERVICE AGREEMENT

- I. **PURPOSE.** The NAME OF WATER SYSTEM is responsible for protecting the drinking water supply from contamination or pollution which could result from improper private water distribution system construction or configuration. The purpose of this service agreement is to notify each customer of the restrictions which are in place to provide this protection. The utility enforces these restrictions to ensure the public health and welfare. Each customer must sign this agreement before the NAME OF WATER SYSTEM will begin service. In addition, when service to an existing connection has been suspended or terminated, the water system will not re-establish service unless it has a signed copy of this agreement.
  
- II. **RESTRICTIONS.** The following unacceptable practices are prohibited by State regulations.
  - A. No direct connection between the public drinking water supply and a potential source of contamination is permitted. Potential sources of contamination shall be isolated from the public water system by an air-gap or an appropriate backflow prevention device.
  - B. No cross-connection between the public drinking water supply and a private water system is permitted. These potential threats to the public drinking water supply shall be eliminated at the service connection by the installation of an air-gap or a reduced pressure-zone backflow prevention device.
  - C. No connection which allows water to be returned to the public drinking water supply is permitted.
  - D. No pipe or pipe fitting which contains more than 8.0% lead may be used for the installation or repair of plumbing at any connection which provides water for human use.
  - E. No solder or flux which contains more than 0.2% lead can be used for the installation or repair of plumbing at any connection which provides water for human use.
  
- III. **SERVICE AGREEMENT.** The following are the terms of the service agreement between the NAME OF WATER SYSTEM (the Water System) and NAME OF CUSTOMER (the Customer).
  - A. The Water System will maintain a copy of this agreement as long as the Customer and/or the premises is connected to the Water System.
  - B. The Customer shall allow his property to be inspected for possible cross-connections and other potential contamination hazards. These inspections shall be conducted by the Water System or its designated agent prior to initiating new water service; when there is reason to believe that cross-connections or other potential contamination hazards exist; or after any major changes to the private water distribution facilities. The inspections shall be conducted during the Water System's normal business hours.

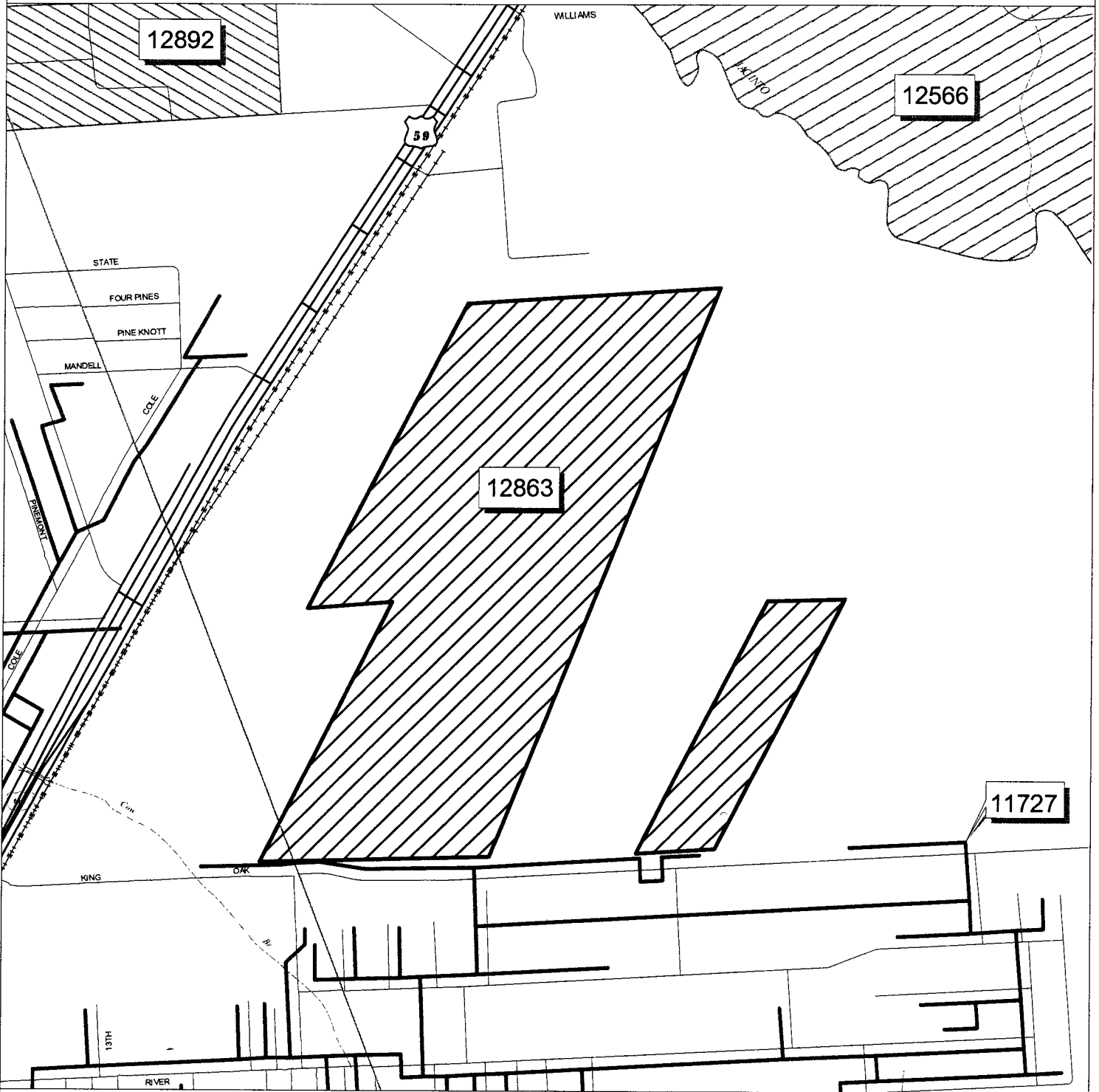
- C. The Water System shall notify the Customer in writing of any cross-connection or other potential contamination hazard which has been identified during the initial inspection or the periodic reinspection.
- D. The Customer shall immediately remove or adequately isolate any potential cross-connections or other potential contamination hazards on his premises.
- E. The Customer shall, at his expense, properly install, test, and maintain any backflow prevention device required by the Water System. Copies of all testing and maintenance records shall be provided to the Water System.





IV. ENFORCEMENT. If the Customer fails to comply with the terms of the Service Agreement, the Water System shall, at its option, either terminate service or properly install, test, and maintain an appropriate backflow prevention device at the service connection. Any expenses associated with the enforcement of this agreement shall be billed to the Customer.

CUSTOMER'S SIGNATURE: \_\_\_\_\_

DATE: \_\_\_\_\_

Southern Horizons  
 Water Service Area  
 CCN No. 12863  
 Application No. 34629-C  
 Liberty and Montgomery Counties



- Water CCN Service Areas**
-  12863 - SOUTHERN HORIZONS
  -  12566 - SOUTH CLEVELAND WSC
  -  12892 - T & W WATER SERVICE CO
- Water Facilities + 200 Feet Service Areas**
-  11727 - CITY OF SPLENDORA



2000 0 2000 Feet

1 inch = 2,000 feet



Map by S Jaster 12/21/2004  
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# Texas Commission On Environmental Quality

By These Presents Be It Known To All That

**Southern Horizons Development, Inc.**

having duly applied for certification to provide water utility service for the convenience and necessity of the public, and it having been determined by this commission that the public convenience and necessity would in fact be advanced by the provision of such service by this Applicant, is entitled to and is hereby granted this

## **Certificate of Convenience and Necessity No. 12863**

to provide continuous and adequate water utility service to that service area or those service areas in Liberty and Montgomery Counties as by final order or orders duly entered by this Commission, which Order or Orders resulting from Application No. 34629-C are on file at the Commission offices in Austin, Texas; and are matters of official record available for public inspection; and be it known further that these presents do evidence the authority and the duty of Southern Horizons Development, Inc. to provide such utility service in accordance with the laws of this State and Rules of this Commission, subject only to any power and responsibility of this Commission to revoke or amend this Certificate in whole or in part upon a subsequent showing that the public convenience and necessity would be better served thereby.

Issued at Austin, Texas, this JAN 06 2005

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be "D. H. ...".

For the Commission

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