

# NOTICE OF PROPOSED RATE CHANGE -WATER (Cont.)

## Garden Acres CURRENT RATES

Monthly base rate including 2000 gallons

Meter Size:

Residential

5/8" or 3/4" \$12.00

3/4" Full port \$

1" \$

1-1/2" \$

2" \$

3" \$

Gallonge Charge:

\$1.40 for each additional 1000 gallons over the minimum

## Miscellaneous Fees

Tap fee \$400.00

Reconnection fee

Non-payment \$25.00  
(Maximum - \$25.00)

Customer's request \$10.00

Transfer fee \$0

Late charge \$5.00

Returned check charge \$15.00

Deposit \$50.00

Meter test fee \$25.00

## PROPOSED RATES

Monthly base rate including 1000 gallons

Meter Size:

Residential

5/8" or 3/4" \$34.90

3/4" Full port \$53.25

1" \$87.25

1-1/2" \$174.50

2" \$279.20

3" \$523.50

Gallonge Charge:

\$2.30for each additional 1000 gallons over the minimum

## Miscellaneous Fees

Tap fee \$800.00

Reconnection fee

Non-payment \$25.00  
(Maximum - \$25.00)

Customer's request \$40.00

Transfer fee \$30.00

Late charge **(Indicate either \$5.00 or 10%)** \$4.00

Returned check charge \$25.00

Deposit \$50.00  
(Maximum \$50.00)

Meter test fee \$ 25.00

Regulatory Assessment of 1% is added to base rate and gallonage charges

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## TEXAS COMMISSION ON ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY

*Protecting Texas by Reducing and Preventing Pollution*

October 8, 2008

Mr. Glenn E. Trimble, President  
Texas Water Systems, Inc.  
7891 Hwy 271  
Tyler, Texas 75708

### **NOTICE OF DEFICIENCY**

Re: Water Rate/Tariff Change Application of Texas Water Systems, Inc., Certificate of Convenience and Necessity No. 12473 in Smith, Gregg, Henderson, & Upshur Counties; Application No. 36195-R

CN: 600629893; RN: 101450484

Dear Mr. Trimble:

The Texas Commission on Environmental Quality (TCEQ) received the above referenced application on September 30, 2008. The application has not been accepted for filing, but has been assigned Application No. 36195-R. Please refer to this number in future correspondence.

Based on an administrative review of your application package, it appears that your notice to customers contains some errors and deficiencies. To continue with the processing of your application, you must complete and revise the following portions of the notice:

1. The date customer notice mailed was not indicated in your notice to Cape Tranquility, Mt. Sylvan, etc., and Garden Acres as well. The date should be indicated in both notices.
2. On page 2 of the notice to customers, delete the amount for the Reconnection fee of \$25.00 for both current and proposed rates, this is only a caption.
3. The approved Current Reconnection Fee – Customer's Request for Cape Tranquility, Mt. Sylvan, etc.. should be \$25.00 and not \$15.00.
4. The Current Transfer Fee is \$15.00 and not \$20.00.
5. For the notice to customers of Garden Acres, the Transfer Fee is 0 not \$20.00.

CURRENT RATESMonthly base rate including 1000 gallons

Meter Size:

Residential

5/8" or 3/4" \$28.503/4" Full port \$28.501" \$45.281-1/2" \$144.902" \$230.463" \$430.10

Gallonge Charge:

\$2.30 for each additional 1000 gallons over the minimumMiscellaneous FeesTap fee \$750.00Reconnection fee \$25.00Non-payment  
(Maximum - \$25.00) \$25.00Customer's request \$15.00Transfer fee \$20.00Late charge \$4.00Returned check charge \$15.00Deposit \$50.00Meter test fee \$25.00PROPOSED RATESMonthly base rate including 1000 gallons

Meter Size:

Residential

5/8" or 3/4" \$34.903/4" Full port \$53.251" \$87.251-1/2" \$174.502" \$279.203" \$523.50

Gallonge Charge:

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Regulatory Assessment of 1% is added to base rate and gallonge charges

**ATTACHMENT 9**  
**COMMENT ON UNIFORM RATE**

This application continues the practice by Texas Water Systems of providing a uniform rate structure for all of its systems. The reasons this is appropriate are as follows:

1. All systems are ground water systems with well sizes under 8", fitted with submersible pumps 15 H.P. or less.
2. All have common treatment by simple chlorination excepted by only two plants which are additionally supplemented by simple caustic feed for P.H. adjustment.
3. All plant designs are similar with standard alternating service pump arrangements, with pump sizes 20 H.P. and less.
4. All distribution systems are similar, built with 2" to 6" PVC class pipe with reasonable proportion of main length to system population.
5. All have similar customer bases which are almost completely residential, and no heavy commercial or industrial consumers to affect demand on facilities.
6. None of the systems offer fire flows.
7. All are served by an operating and management company on a per tap basis for remuneration and all are similar distances from that company's base. Distances range from 18 miles minimum to 35 miles maximum.
8. A non-uniform rate structure would add operating costs to the customers by the additional weight of requiring specific expense data recording by the operators in the field, slowing operating efficiency ; and the added burden of accounting load and formulating rates for 8 fiscal entities instead of one.