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APPLICATION OF QUADVEST, L.P. §
AND WESTSIDE WATER, LLC FOR §
SALE, TRANSFER, OR MERGER OF §
FACILITIES AND CERTIFICATE §
RIGHTS IN HARRIS, WALLER AND §
FORT BEND COUNTIES §

PUBLIC UTILITY COMMISSION
FILING CLERK

OF TEXAS

JOINT MOTION FOR ADMISSION OF EVIDENCE AND ADOPTION OF PROPOSED NOTICE OF APPROVAL

COMES NOW the Staff of the Public Utility Commission of Texas (Staff), representing the public interest, on behalf of itself, Quadvest, L.P., (Quadvest) and Westside Water, LLC (Westside) (collectively, the Parties) and files this Joint Motion for Admission of Evidence and Adoption of Proposed Notice of Approval. In support thereof, the Parties show the following:

I. BACKGROUND

On June 3, 2015, Quadvest and Westside filed an application (Application) with the Commission regarding the sale, transfer, or merger (STM) and amendment of Certificate of Convenience and Necessity (CCN) No.'s 12942 (water) and 20878 (sewer) held by Westside in Harris, Waller and Fort Bend Counties, Texas pursuant to the criteria in Tex. Water. Code §§ 13.241, 13.246 and 13.301, and 16 Tex. Admin. Code §§ 24.102, 24.104-107, 24.109 and 24.112.

On July 5, 2016, the Administrative Law Judge (ALJ) issued Order No. 5 finding the documentation sufficient and complete and establishing a procedural schedule for the remainder of the proceeding. Order No. 5 directed the Parties to file a request to admit evidence and proposed notice of approval, including findings of fact, conclusions of law, and ordering paragraphs by August 12, 2016. Therefore, this pleading is timely filed.

II. JOINT MOTION TO ADMIT EVIDENCE

The Parties move to admit the following evidence into the record of this proceeding:

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- a. The Applicants' June 3, 2015 Application (Commission's automated interchange system (AIS) Items 1 and 2, filed June 3, 2015;
- b. PUC Notice of Application for Sale, Transfer or Merger (and Texas Register acknowledgment) (ALS items 4 and 5, filed June 8 and 9, 2015;
- c. Commission Staff's Recommendations on Sufficiency (ALS Item 6, filed July 1, 2015);
- d. Quadvest's Responses to Order No. 2, including notice, customer list, maps and affidavits (ALS Item 8, filed July 30, 2015, and ALS Item 11, filed August 26, 2015;
- e. Commission Staff's Response to Order No. 2 and attachments thereto (ALS Item 12, filed September 11, 2015);
- f. Quadvest's Response to Commission Staff's 1st Request for Information (ALS Item 14, filed October 13, 2015;
- g. Commission Staff's Response to Order No. 3 and Final Recommendations on the Application and attachment thereto, (AIS Item No. 16, filed October 16, 2015;
- h. Order No. 4, issued October 20, 2016, approving the sale and transfer transaction to proceed;
- Joint Status Report and Notice of Transactionn (ALS Item 18, , filed November 18, 2015 and Confidential Customer Deposit Report, (ALS Item 19, filed November 25, 2015;
- j. Notice and First Amended Notice of Proof of Sale/Transfer and Request for Final Recommendation, (ALS Item 28, filed June 6, 2016 and ALS Item 29, filed June 7, 2016;
- k. Commission Staff's Response to Order No. 4, Recommendation on Sufficiency of Closing Documents and Proposed Procedural Schedule and attachment thereto (AIS Item No. 31, filed July 1, 2016);
- Consent Forms filed by Quadvest and Westside, (ALS Items 35 and 36, filed July 19, 2016; and
- m. Commission Staff's Response to Order No. 5, (AIS Item No. 36, filed August 5, 2016.
- n. Attachment A, which includes maps, certificates, and tariffs.

III. JOINT MOTION FOR ADOPTION OF PROPOSED NOTICE OF APPROVAL

The attached Proposed Notice of Approval would grant the Applicants' Application to sell/transfer Westside's entire service area served under its CCN No.'s 12942 (water) and 20878 (sewer) to Quadvest, amend Quadvest's CCN No.'s 11612 (water) and 20952 (sewer), and cancel Westside's CCN No.'s 12942 (water) and 20878 (sewer).

IV. CONCLUSION

The Parties have indicated to Staff that Staff is authorized to file this pleading on their behalf. Therefore, the Parties respectfully request that the Commission grant the joint motions to admit the evidence specified above and adopt the attached proposed Notice of Approval.

Respectfully Submitted,

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DOCKET NO. 44794 CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

. I certify that a copy of this document will be served on all parties of record on August 12

in accordance with 16 Tex. Admin. Code § 22.74.

Douglas M. Brown

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NOTICE OF APPROVAL

This Notice addresses the application of Quadvest, L.P. ("Quadvest") and Westside Water, LLC ("Westside") (collectively, the "Applicants") for the sale, transfer, or merger of facilities and certificated service areas in Harris, Waller and Fort Bend Counties. The Public Utility Commission of Texas ("Commission") Staff ("Staff") recommends approval of the application. The application is approved.

The Commission adopts the following findings of fact, conclusions of law and ordering paragraphs.

I. Findings of Fact

Procedural History

- 1. On June 3, 2015, Quadvest and Westside filed an application for the sale, transfer, or merger of a retail public utility with the Commission pursuant to the criteria in Tex. Water. Code §§ 13.241, 13.246 and 13.301, and 16 Tex. Admin. Code §§ 24.102, 24.104-107, 24.109 and 24.112 (the "Application").
- 2. Westside holds water CCN No. 12942 and sewer CCN No. 20878.
- 3. Quadvest holds water CCN No. 11612 and sewer CCN No. 20952.
- 4. The Application requests approval for Quadvest to purchase the facilities and transfer the customers and service area of CCN No.'s 12942 (water) and 20878 (sewer) from Westside and to amend Quadvest's CCN No.'s 11612 (water) and 20952 (sewer).
- 5. The area to be transferred includes the Lakes of Fairhaven subdivision in Harris County, the Lake Pointe Estates subdivision in Fort Bend County, and the Cane Island subdivision in Harris/Waller Counties, comprising an area of approximately 1126 acres and 621 current customers.

- 6. As a result of the transaction, Quadvest's water and sewer CCNs will be expanded to include the proposed area and Westside's CCNs will be cancelled. Westside will no longer be in the retail water or sewer utility business.
- 7. On June 8, 2015, the ALJ issued Order No. 1 establishing a procedural schedule on the Application.
- 8. On July 1, 2015, Commission Staff filed its Response to Order No. 1 in which Staff recommended that the application be deemed administratively complete.
- 9. On July 7, 2015, the ALJ issued Order No. 2 finding the Application sufficient and complete and establishing a procedural schedule for issuing notice.
- 10. On July 30, 2015, Quadvest filed an affidavit of notice indicating that notice of the Application was mailed to neighboring utilities and affected parties on July 6, 2015 and published in the newspaper on July 3, 2015 and July 10, 2015.
- 11. On August 10, 2015, George Bravenec requested a public hearing on the Application, and subsequently withdrew his request for a public hearing on August 25, 2015.
- 12. On August 26, 2015, Quadvest filed supplemental notice information confirming notice information regarding Harris County MUD 519, Waller County MUD 9, and Cy-Fair Community Improvement District.
- 13. On September 11, 2015, Staff responded to Order No. 2 recommending that the notice provided by Quadvest was proper
- 14. On September 14, 2015, the ALJ issued Order No. 3 finding notice to be proper and establishing a further procedural schedule.
- 15. On October 16, 2015 Staff filed its Response to Order No. 3 recommending that Quadvest had demonstrated adequate financial, managerial, and technical capability to providing continuous and adequate service to the proposed area and any existing area served by Westside. However, Staff recommended that in addition to approving the sale, Quadvest would need to receive a determination from the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality ("TCEQ") as to whether the Lake Pointe Estates would meet the definition of a public water system (PWS), and thus would need to seek as-built approval of the water system from the TCEQ and receive PWS designation.
- 16. On October 20, 2015, the ALJ issued Order No. 4 approving the sale and transfer transaction to proceed and instructing the Applicants to provide monthly status reports, and documents evidencing the consummation upon conclusion of the transaction.

- 17. On November 18, 2015, the Applicants filed a joint status report and notice of transactions with Bill of Sale showing that the transaction was finalized effective November 6, 2015.
- 18. On November 25, 2015, Westside filed, pursuant to 16 TAC 22.142(c), a confidential Customer Deposits Report and accompanying affidavit addressing the November 6, 2015 transfer of customer deposits as set forth therein to Quadvest for management and refund in due course of business under Commission rules.
- 19. On June 6, 2016 (as amended on June 7, 2016), Quadvest submitted documentation from the TCEQ showing that Lake Pointe Estates did not need a separate PWS designation and the system was combined with Bridlewood Estates PWS No. 0790350.
- 20. On July 1, 2016, Commission Staff filed its Response to Order No. 4, in which Staff recommended that the closing documents be found sufficient and complete and that Quadvest has submitted documentation showing that Lake Pointe Estates did not need a separate Public water System Designation.
- 21. On July 5, 2016, the ALJ issued Order No. 5 finding the documentation sufficient and complete and establishing a procedural schedule for the remainder of the proceeding.
- 22. On July 19, 2016, the Applicants filed consent forms reflecting their consent to the maps and certificates transmitted to the Applicants.
- 23. On August 5, 2016, Staff submitted its response to Order No. 5 recommending the consent forms were sufficient and that the Application be approved.

Notice

- 24. Mailed notice was provided to all neighboring utilities and affected parties on July 6, 2015 and published notice was provided on July 3 and July 10, 2015
- 25. The Applicants filed affidavits of notice and publication with the Commission providing proof of notice and publication on July 30, 2015.

Informal Disposition

- 26. More than 15 days have passed since completion of all notice required for this docket.
- 27. On August 10, 2015, George Bravenec requested a public hearing on the Application, and subsequently withdrew his request for a public hearing on August 25, 2015.

- 28. No other protests, motions to intervene, or requests for hearing were filed in this docket; therefore, no hearing was necessary.
- 29. Quadvest, Westside, and Staff are the only parties to this proceeding.

Evidence

30. The Applicants' June 3, 2015 Application; PUC Notice of Application; Commission Staff's Recommendation on Sufficiency; Quadvest's Response to Order No. 2 (including notice, customer list, maps and affidavits); Commission Staff's Response to Order No. 2 and attachments thereto; Commission Staff's Response to Order No. 3 and Final Recommendations on the Application and attachments thereto; Joint Status Report and Notice of Transaction; Confidential Customer Deposit Report; Notice and First Amended Notice of Proof of Sale/Transfer and Request for Final Recommendation; Commission Staff's Response to Order No. 4, Recommendation on Sufficiency of Closing Documents and Proposed Procedural Schedule and attachment thereto; and Consent Forms filed by Quadvest and Westside, Commission Staff's Response to Order No. 5, and Attachment A, which includes the consented maps, consented certificates, and consented tariffs have been admitted into evidence.

II. Conclusions of Law

- 1. The Commission has jurisdiction over this proceeding pursuant to TWC §§ 13.041, 13.246, 13.251, and 13.301.
- 2. Westside and Quadvest are water and sewer utilities as defined in TWC § 13.002(23).
- 3. Public notice of the application was provided as required by TWC § 13.301(a)(2) and § 13.246.
- 4. The application was processed in accordance with the requirements of the Administrative Procedures Act, Texas Water Code, and the Commission's rules.
- 5. Westside and Quadvest completed the sale within one year from the date of the Commission's written approval of the sale, consistent with 16 TAC § 24.112(e).
- 6. The Commission notified the Parties that a public hearing on the Application was not requested and would not be held, consistent with TWC § 13.301(f) and 16 TAC § 24.109(f).

¹ Administrative Procedure Act, Tex. Gov't Code §§ 2001.001-.902.

- 7. After consideration of the factors in TWC § 13.246(c), Quadvest has demonstrated adequate financial, managerial, and technical capability for providing adequate and continuous service to every consumer within the proposed service areas and approval of the Application serves the public interest.
- 8. Westside and Quadvest have demonstrated that the certificate transfer requested in this application is necessary for the service, accommodation, convenience, and safety of the public.
- 9. The requirements for informal disposition pursuant to 16 TAC § 22:35 have been met in this proceeding.

III. Ordering Paragraphs

In accordance with these findings of fact and conclusions of law, the Commission issues the following Order:

- 1. The Application is approved.
- 2. Quadvest's CCN No.'s 11612 (water) and 20952 (sewer) are amended to include the service areas transferred from Westside to Quadvest.
- 3. Westside's CCN No.'s 12942 (water) and 20878 (sewer) are hereby cancelled.
- 4. Quadvest shall serve every customer and applicant for service within the area covered by its CCN No.'s 11612 (water) and 20952 (sewer), and such service shall be continuous and adequate.
- 5. All other motions, requests for entry of specific findings of fact or conclusions of law, and any other requests for general or specific relief, if not expressly granted herein, are hereby denied.

SIGNED AT AUSTIN, TEXAS the day of _	, 2016.
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ATTACHMENT A



Public Utility Commission of Texas

By These Presents Be It Known To All That

Quadvest, L.P.

having obtained 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, Quadvest, L.P., is entitled to this

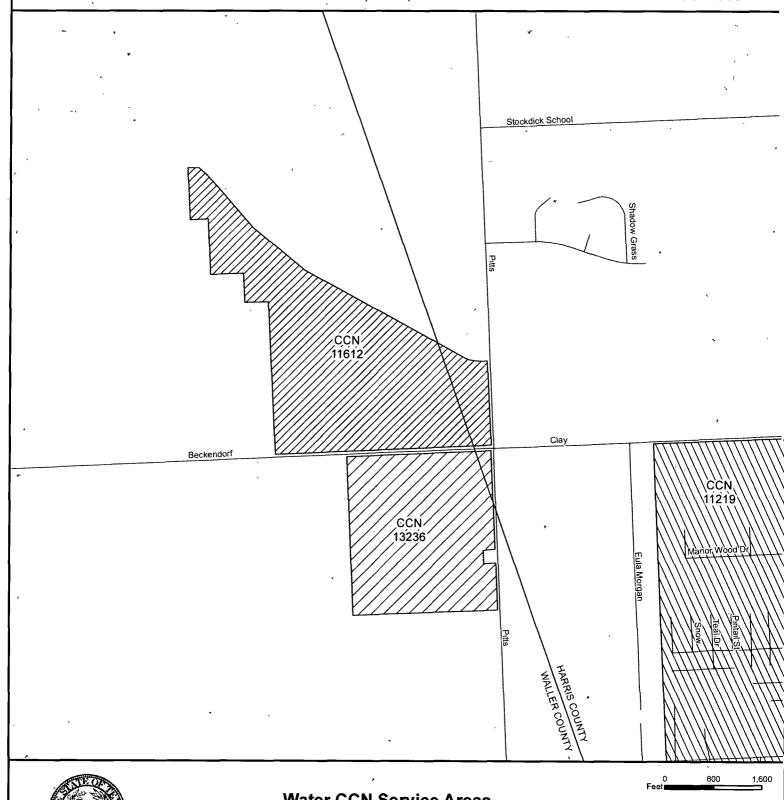
Certificate of Convenience and Necessity No. 11612

to provide continuous and adequate water utility service to that service area or those service areas in Aransas, Brazoria, Fort Bend, Harris, Jackson, Liberty, Matagorda, Montgomery, and Waller Counties as by final Order or Orders duly entered by this Commission, which Order or Orders resulting from Docket No. 44794 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 the Quadvest, L.P., 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	day of	2016.
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Quadvest LP Portion of Water Service Area CCN No. 11612 PUC Docket No. 44794

Transferred and Cancelled Westside Water; LLC., CCN No. 12942 in Harris and Waller Counties





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Water CCN Service Areas

11612 - Quadvest LP

13236 - August Lakes WSC

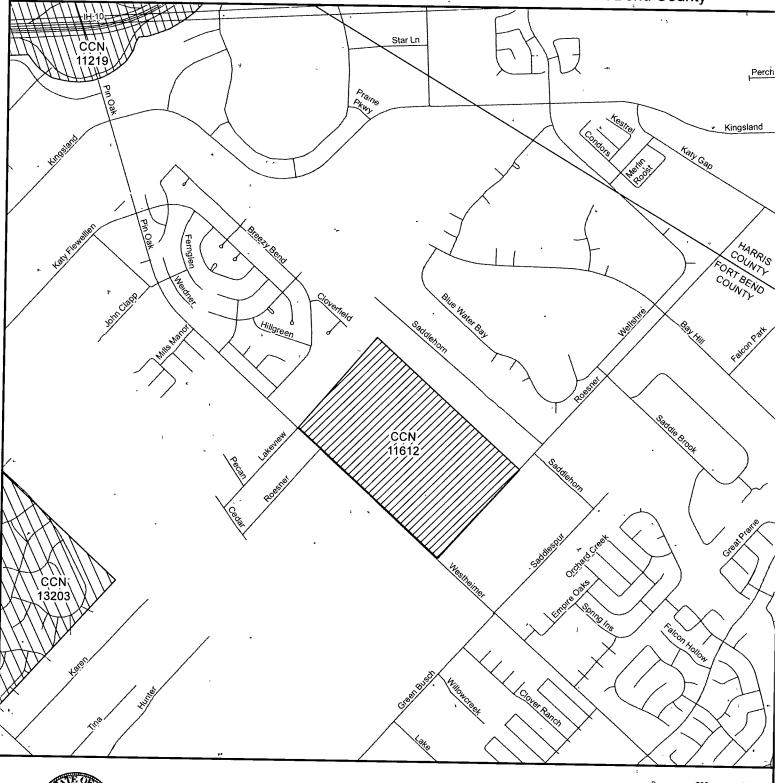
11219 - City of Katy.



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Quadvest LP Portion of Water Service Area CCN No. 11612 PUC Docket No. 44794

Transferred and Cancelled Westside Water, LLC., CCN No. 12942 in Fort Bend County





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Water CCN Service Areas

//// 11612 - Quadvest LP

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\\.\\ 11219 - City of Katy

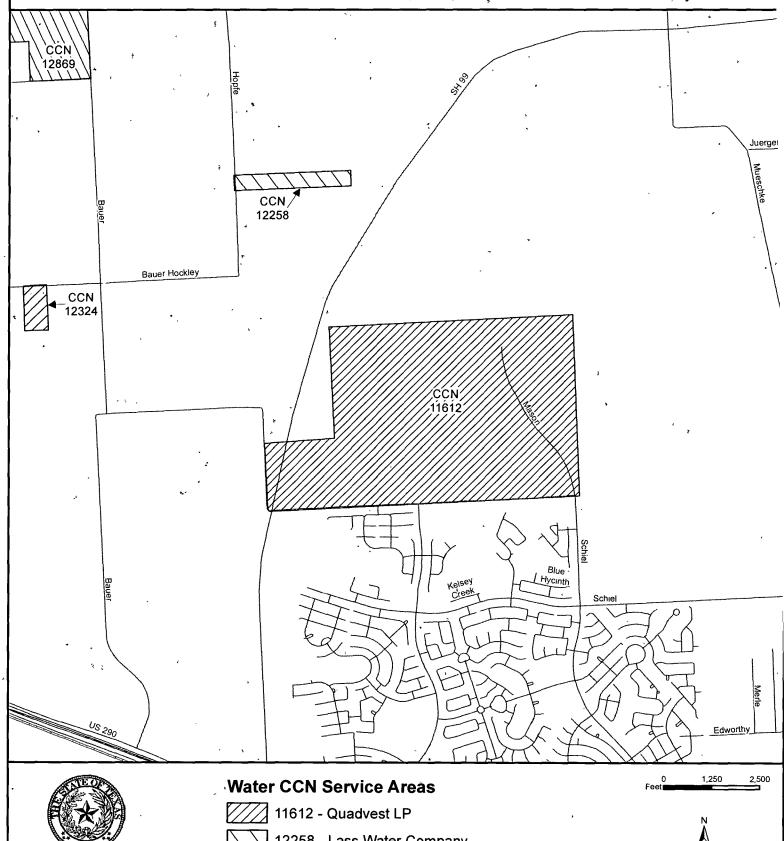
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Quadvest LP Portion of Water Service Area CCN No. 11612 PUC Docket No. 44794

Transferred and Cancelled Westside Water, LLC., CCN No. 12942 in Harris County





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12258 - Lass Water Company 12324 - Ranger Utility Company Inc

12869 - Bayou Shadows

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WATER UTILITY TARIFF

Docket Number: 44794

Quadvest, L.P. (Utility Name)

26926 FM 2978 (Business Address)

Magnolia, Texas 77354 (City, State, Zip Code)

281/356-5347 (Area Code/Telephone)

This tariff is effective for utility operations under the following Certificate of Convenience and Necessity:

<u>11612</u>

This tariff is effective in the following counties:

Aransas, Brazoria, Fort Bend, Harris, Jackson, Liberty, Matagorda, Montgomery and Waller

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

Richmond (portion of Bridlewood Estates only - same rates)

This tariff is effective in the following subdivisions or systems:

See attached chart.

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The above utility lists the following sections of its tariff (if additional pages are needed for a section, all pages should be numbered consecutively):

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APPENDIX A - DROUGHT CONTINGENCY PLAN APPENDIX B - SAMPLE SERVICE AGREEMENT

APPENDIX C - APPLICATION FOR SERVICE

SUBDIVISION	PWS ID NUMBER	COUNTY
Bauer Landing x	1013526	Harris
Bayer Utility (Old Town Spring)	1010212	Harris .
Bella vista	1460175	Liberty
Benders Landing I, II	1700678	Montgomery
Benders Landing Estates	1700678	Montgomery
Bridlewood Estates	0790350	Fort Bend
Brazos Lakes	0790363	Fort Bend
Cane Island .	2370111	Waller
Canterbury Ranch	1700624	Montgomery
Campwood	1700624	Montgomery
Clear Creek Forest	1700576	Montgomery
Chenango Ranch	0200656	Brazoria
The Colony	1011806	Harris
Creekside Village	1700742	Montgomery
Decker Oaks Subdivision	1700605	Montgomery
Estates of Clear Creek	1700576	Montgomery
Grande San Jacinto	1460179	Liberty
Indigo Lakes Estates	1700576	Montgomery
Jacobs Reserve	1700609	Montgomery
Lakes of Fairhaven	1013288	Harris
Lake Pointe Estates	0790350	Fort Bend
Lake Windcrest	1700624	Montgomery
Live Oak Landing	1610129	Matagorda
Lone Star Ranch	1700655	Montgomery
Magnolia Lakes	1700736	Montgomery
McCall Sound	1700763	Montgomery
Montgomery Trace	1700577	Montgomery
Mostyn Manor I, II, III	1700669 .	Montgomery
Northcrest Ranch Section I, II, III	1700623	Montgomery
Oaks of Suncreek	0200640	Brazoria
Red Oak Ranch	1700609	Montgomery
Rocky Creek	1013393	Harris
Sawmill Estates	1700576	Montgomery
Sendera Ranch	1700577	Montgomery
Shaw Acres	1013468	Harris
Sierra Woods	1700624,	Montgomery

SUBDIVISION	PWS ID NUMBER	COUNTY
Sonoma Ridge	1700763	Montgomery.
Stonecrest Ranch	1700611	Montgomery
Summerset Estates	1700655	Montgomery
Suncreek Estates	0200640	Brazoria
Suncreek Ranch	0200616	Brazoria
Sunrise Bay	1200037	Jackson
Sunset Bay	0040055	Aransas
Telge Terrace	1011805	Harris
Timberdale	1011810	Harris
Vaquero River Estates	1610129	Matagorda
Village of Decker Oaks	1700605	Montgomery
Waterstone Estates	1013389	Harris
Waypoint Landing	1610137	Matagorda
Westwood	2370042	Waller
Windcrest Farms	1700577	Montgomery
Yesterdays Crossing	1700758	Montgomery

The rates set or approved by the city for the systems entirely within its corporate boundary are not presented in this tariff. Those rates are not under the original jurisdiction of the PUC and will have to be obtained from the city or utility.

SECTION 1.0 -- RATE SCHEDULE

Section 1.01 - Rates

Meter Size	Monthly Minimum Charge	Gallonage Charge
5/8" or 3/4"	\$28.75 (Includes 0 gallons)	\$1.75 per 1000 gallons for the first 10,000 gallons
1"	<u>\$71.88</u>	\$2.00 per 1,000 gallons from 10,001 to 20,000 gallons
1½"	<u>\$143.75</u>	\$2.25 per 1,000 gallons from 20,001 to 30,000 gallons
2"	<u>\$230.00</u>	\$2.93. per 1,000 gallons thereafter
3"	<u>\$431.25</u>	
4"	<u>\$718.75</u>	,
6"	<u>\$1,437.50</u>	

An additional pass through gallonage charge of \$2.39 per 1,000 gallons of water will be added for fees imposed by any non-affiliated third party water supplier or underground water district having jurisdiction over the utility. Bluebonnet GRP, Brazoria GRP, City of Rosenburg GRP, North Fort Bend GRP, West Harris Regional, Harris-Galveston Subsidence District, San Jacinto River Authority GRP (Docket No. 45548). SEE PURCHASED WATER AND/OR DISTRICT FEE PASS THROUGH CLAUSE.

FORM OF PAYMENT: The utility will accept the following forms of payment: Check_X_, Money Order_X_, Credit Card_X_, Other (specify) Bank Draft THE UTILITY MAY REQUIRE EXACT CHANGE FOR PAYMENTS AND MAY REFUSE TO ACCEPT PAYMENTS MADE USING MORE THAN \$1.00 IN SMALL COINS. A WRITTEN RECEIPT WILL BE GIVEN FOR CASH PAYMENTS. PUC RULES REQUIRE THE UTILITY TO COLLECT A FEE OF ONE PERCENT OF THE RETAIL MONTHLY BILL AND TO REMIT THE FEE TO THE TCEQ. Section 1.02 - Miscellaneous Fees TAP FEE _______\$810.00 TAP FEE COVERS THE UTILITY'S COSTS FOR MATERIALS AND LABOR TO INSTALL A STANDARD RESIDENTIAL 5/8" x 3/4" MÉTER. AN ADDITIONAL FEE TO COVER UNIQUE COSTS IS PERMITTED IF LISTED ON THIS TARIFF. TAP FEE COVERS THE UTILITY'S COSTS FOR MATERIALS AND LABOR TO INSTALL A STANDARD 3/4" and 1" METER. AN ADDITIONAL FEE TO COVER UNIQUE COSTS IS PERMITTED IF LISTED ON THIS TARIFF.

SECTION 1.0 -- RATE SCHEDULE (CONTINUED)

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RECONNECTION FEE THE RECONNECT FEE MUST BE PAID BEFORE SERVICE CAN BE RESTORED TO A CUSTOMER WHO HAS BEEN DISCONNECTED FOR THE FOLLOWING REASONS (OR OTHER REASONS LISTED UNDER SECTION 2.0 OF THIS TARIFF):
a) Non payment of bill (Maximum \$25.00)
SEASONAL RECONNECTION FEE: BASE RATE TIMES NUMBER OF MONTHS OFF THE SYSTEM NOT TO EXCEED SIX MONTHS WHEN LEAVE AND RETURN WITHIN A TWELVE MONTH PERIOD.
TER ANGERED FIRE
TRANSFER FEE
LATE CHARGE (EITHER \$5.00 OR 10% OF THE BILL)
RETURNED CHECK CHARGE \$25.00 RETURNED CHECK CHARGES MUST BE BASED ON THE UTILITY'S DOCUMENTABLE COST.
CUSTOMER DEPOSIT RESIDENTIAL (Maximum \$50)\$50.00
COMMERCIAL & NON-RESIDENTIAL DEPOSIT 1/6TH OF ESTIMATED ANNUAL BILL
ACTUAL PROPERTY.
METER TEST FEE
METER RELOCATION FEE
*METER CONVERSION FEE
GOVERNMENTAL TESTING, INSPECTION AND COSTS SURCHARGE: WHEN AUTHORIZED IN WRITING BY PUC AND AFTER NOTICE TO CUSTOMERS, THE UTILITY MAY INCREASERATES TO RECOVER INCREASED COSTS FOR INSPECTION FEES AND WATER TESTING. [PUC Subst. R. 24.21(K)(2)]
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LINE EXTENSION AND CONSTRUCTION CHARGES:

REFER TO SECTION 3.0--EXTENSION POLICY FOR TERMS, CONDITIONS, AND CHARGES WHEN NEW CONSTRUCTION IS NECESSARY TO PROVIDE SERVICE.

SECTION 1.0 -- RATE SCHEDULE (CONTINUED)

TEMPORARY WATER RATE:

Unless otherwise superseded by PUC order or rule, if the Utility is ordered by a court or government body of competent jurisdiction to reduce its pumpage, production or water sales, the Utility shall be authorized to increase its approved gallonage charge according to the formula:

 $TGC = \underline{cgc+(prr)(cgc)(r)}$ (1.0-r)

Where:

TGC = temporary gallonage charge cgc = current gallonage charge

r = water use reduction expressed as a decimal fraction (the pumping restriction)

prr = percentage of revenues to be recovered expressed as a decimal fraction, for this tariff prr

shall equal 0.5

To implement the Temporary Water Rate, the Utility must comply with all notice and other requirements of 16 TAC 24.21(1).

PURCHASED WATER AND/OR DISTRICT FEE PASS THROUGH CLAUSE:

Changes in fees imposed by any non-affiliated third party water supplier or underground water district having jurisdiction over the Utility shall be passed through as an adjustment to the water gallonage charge according to the following formula:

 $RVP = (E+(AP-AC))/(JC \times AU)$, Where:

RVP = Adjusted gallonage charge, rounded to the nearest cent

E = Estimated sum of upcoming 12 months of purchase water and groundwater conservation district costs

AP = Actual payments up to 12 months (February through January of previous year)

AC = Actual collections up to 12 months (February through January of previous year)

JC = January month end customer connections

AU= Average annual usage per connection from most recent rate case

The adjusted gallonage charge must be trued up and adjusted every twelve months.

To implement, all notice requirements must be met.

With the annual true up report adjusting the pass through for the next 12 months, the utility shall provide a five year report showing the annual and accumulated difference between pass through amounts collected from customers and amounts actually paid to the entities whose charges are included in the pass through and the formula for the estimates included in the pass through charge, the definition of all variables used in the estimate, the basis for any projections and any standard operating procedures of the utility for estimating.

SECTION 1.0 -- RATE SCHEDULE

Section 1.01 - Rates

Meter Size , 5/8"	Monthly Minimum Charge \$17.85 (Includes 0 gallons)	Gallonage Charge \$1.50 per 1000 gallons, Residential
3/4" 1"	\$ <u>26.80</u> \$44.65	\$2.00 per 1000 gallons, Non-Residential
1 1½"	\$89.25 :	
2"	\$142.80	
3"	\$ <u>267.75</u>	
4"	\$ <u>535.50</u>	
PLUS:		
Pass Through Fee	s:´	
	ty Regional Water Authority (NHCRWA) for	
		<u>\$2.47</u> per 1,000 gallons
(Docket No. 46074))	
North Fort Rend W	ater Authority (NFBWA) for	,
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(Docket No. 46073)		<u> </u>
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Section 1.02 - Misc	cellaneous Fees	٠
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SECTION 1.0 – RATE SCHEDULE (Continued)

METER RELOCATION FEE Actual Relocation Cost, Not to Exceed Tap Fee THIS FEE MAY BE CHARGED IF A CUSTOMER REQUESTS THAT AN EXISTING METER BE RELOCATED.
METER TEST FEE\$25.00 REQUESTS A SECOND METER TEST WITHIN A TWO-YEAR PERIOD AND THE TEST INDICATES THAT - THE METER IS RECORDING ACCURATELY. THE FEE MAY NOT EXCEED \$25.
. RECONNECTION FEE THE RECONNECT FEE MUST BE PAID BEFORE SERVICE CAN BE RESTORED TO A CUSTOMER WHO HAS BEEN DISCONNECTED FOR THE FOLLOWING REASONS (OR OTHER REASONS LISTED UNDER SECTION 2.0 OF THIS TARIFF).
a) Non-payment of bill (Maximum \$25.00)
TRANSFER FEE\$40.00 THE TRANSFER FEE WILL BE CHARGED FOR CHANGING AN ACCOUNT NAME AT THE SAME SERVICE LOCATION WHEN THE SERVICE IS NOT DISCONNECTED
LATE CHARGE (EITHER \$5.00 OR 10% OF THE BILL)
RETURNED CHECK CHARGE
CUSTOMER DEPOSIT RESIDENTIAL (Maximum \$50)
COMMERCIAL & NON-RESIDENTIAL DEPOSIT1/6TH OF ESTIMATED ANNUAL BILL
GOVERNMENTAL TESTING, INSPECTION AND COSTS SURCHARGE WHEN AUTHORIZED IN WRITING BY TCEQ AND AFTER NOTICE TO CUSTOMERS, THE UTILITY MAY INCREASE RATES TO RECOVER INCREASED COSTS FOR INSPECTION FEES AND WATER TESTING. [30 TAC 291.21(K)(2)]

LINE EXTENSION AND CONSTRUCTION CHARGES:

REFER TO SECTION 3.0--EXTENSION POLICY FOR TERMS, CONDITIONS, AND CHARGES WHEN NEW CONSTRUCTION IS NECESSARY TO PROVIDE SERVICE.

SECTION 1.0 - RATE SCHEDULE (Continued)

PASS THROUGH PROVISION:

For utilities subject to changes in cost imposed by any non-affiliated provider of purchased water or sewer or a groundwater conservation district having jurisdiction over the Utility, these increases (decreases) shall be passed through as an adjustment to the gallonage charge according to the formula:

AG = G+B/(1-L), Where:

AG = adjusted gallonage charge, rounded to the nearest one cent

G = approved gallonage charge per 1,000 gallons

B = change in fee (per 1,000 gallons)

L = water or sewer line loss from preceding 12 months, not to exceed 0.15 (15%)

The utility will have the most current Public Utility Commission of Texas (PUC or Commission) Commission Rules, Chapter 24, available at its office for reference purposes. The Rules and this tariff shall be available for public inspection and reproduction at a reasonable cost. The latest Rules or Commission approved changes to the Rules supersede any rules or requirements in this tariff.

Section 2.01 - Application for Water Service

All applications for service will be made on the utility's standard application or contract form (attached in the Appendix to this tariff), will be signed by the applicant, any required fees (deposits, reconnect, tap, extension fees, etc. as applicable) will be paid and easements, if required, will be granted before service is provided by the utility. A separate application or contract will be made for each service location.

Section 2.02 - Refusal of Service

The utility may decline to serve an applicant until the applicant has complied with the regulations of the regulatory agencies (state and municipal regulations) and for the reasons outlined in the PUC Rules. In the event that the utility refuses to serve an applicant, the utility will inform the applicant in writing of the basis of its refusal. The utility is also required to inform the applicant that a complaint may be filed with the Commission.

Section 2.03 - Fees and Charges & Easements Required Before Service Can Be Connected

(A) Customer Deposits

If a residential applicant cannot establish credit to the satisfaction of the utility, the applicant may be required to pay a deposit as provided for in Section 1.02 - Miscellaneous Fees of this tariff. The utility will keep records of the deposit and credit interest in accordance with PUC Rules.

Residential applicants 65 years of age or older may not be required to pay deposits unless the applicant has an outstanding account balance with the utility or another water or sewer utility which accrued within the last two years.

Nonresidential applicants who cannot establish credit to the satisfaction of the utility may be required to make a deposit that does not exceed an amount equivalent to one-sixth of the estimated annual billings.

Refund of deposit. - If service is not connected, or after disconnection of service, the utility will promptly refund the customer's deposit plus accrued interest or the balance, if any, in excess of the unpaid bills for service furnished. The utility may refund the deposit at any time prior to termination of utility service but must refund the deposit plus interest for any customer who has paid 18 consecutive billings without being delinquent.

(B) Tap or Reconnect Fees

A new customer requesting service at a location where service has not previously been provided must pay a tap fee as provided in Section 1. A customer requesting service where service has previously been provided must pay a reconnect fee as provided in Section 1. Any applicant or existing customer required to pay for any costs not specifically set forth in the rate schedule pages of this tariff shall be given a written explanation of such costs prior to request for payment and/or commencement of construction. If the applicant or existing customer does not believe that these costs are reasonable or necessary, the applicant or existing customer shall be informed of their right to appeal such costs to the PUC or such other regulatory authority having jurisdiction over the utility's rates in that portion of the utility's service area in which the applicant's or existing customer's property(ies) is located.

Fees in addition to the regular tap fee may be charged if listed specifically in Section 1 to cover unique costs not normally incurred as permitted by 16 TAC 24.86(a)(1)(C). For example, a road bore for customers outside a subdivision or residential area could be considered a unique cost.

(C) Easement Requirement

Where recorded public utility_easements on the service applicant's property do not exist or public road right-of-way easements are not available to access the applicant's property, the Utility may require the applicant to provide it with a permanent recorded public utility easement on and across the applicant's real property sufficient to provide service to that applicant. Such easement(s) shall not be used for the construction of production, storage, transmission or pressure facilities unless they are needed for adequate service to that applicant.

Section 2.04 - Utility Response to Applications for Service

After the applicant has met all the requirements, conditions and regulations for service, the utility will install tap, meter and utility cut-off valve and/or take all necessary actions to initiate service. The utility will serve each qualified applicant for service within 5 working days unless line extensions or new facilities are required. If construction is required to fill the order and if it cannot be completed within 30 days, the utility will provide the applicant with a written explanation of the construction required and an expected date of service.

Except for good cause where service has previously been provided, service will be reconnected within one working day after the applicant has met the requirements for reconnection.

Section 2.05 - Customer Responsibility

The customer will be responsible for furnishing and laying the necessary customer service pipe from the meter location to the place of consumption. Customers will not be allowed to use the utility's cutoff valve on the utility's side of the meter. Existing customers may install cutoff valves on their side of the meter and are encouraged to do so. All new customers may be required to install and maintain a cutoff valve on their side of the meter.

No direct connection between a public water supply system and any potential source of contamination or between a public water supply system and a private water source (ex. private well) will be allowed. A customer shall not connect, or allow any other person or party to connect, onto any water lines on his premises.

Section 2.06 - Customer Service Inspections

Applicants for new service connections or facilities which have undergone extensive plumbing modifications are required to furnish the utility a completed customer service inspection certificate. The inspection certificate shall certify that the establishment is in compliance with the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality (TCEQ) Rules and Regulations for Public Water Systems, Section 290.46(j). The Utility is not required to perform these inspections for the applicant/customer, but will assist the applicant/customer in locating and obtaining the services of a certified inspector.

Section 2.07 - Back Flow Prevention Devices

No water connection shall be allowed to any residence or establishment where an actual or potential contamination hazard exists unless the public water facilities are protected from contamination by either an approved air gap, backflow prevention assembly, or other approved device. The type of device or backflow prevention assembly required shall be determined by the specific potential hazard identified in 290.47(i) Appendix I, Assessment of Hazards and Selection of Assemblies of the TCEQ Rules and Regulations for Public Water Systems.

The use of a backflow prevention assembly at the service connection shall be considered as additional backflow protection and shall not negate the use of backflow protection on internal hazards as outlined and enforced by local plumbing codes. When a customer service inspection certificate indicates that an adequate internal cross-connection control program is in effect, backflow protection at the water service entrance or meter is not required.

At any residence or establishment where it has been determined by a customer service inspection, that there is no actual or potential contamination hazard, as referenced in Section 290.47(i) Appendix I, Assessment of Hazards and Selection of Assemblies of the TCEQ Rules and Regulations for Public Water Systems, then a backflow prevention assembly or device is not required. Outside hose bibs do require, at a minimum, the installation and maintenance of a working atmospheric vacuum breaker. All backflow prevention assemblies or devices shall be tested upon installation by a TCEQ certified backflow prevention assembly tester and certified to be operating within specifications. Backflow prevention assemblies which are installed to provide protection against health hazards must also be tested and certified to be operating within specifications at least annually by a certified backflow prevention assembly tester.

If the utility determines that a backflow prevention assembly or device is required, the utility will provide the customer or applicant with a list of TCEQ certified backflow prevention assembly testers. The customer will be responsible for the cost of installation and testing, if any, of backflow prevention assembly or device. The customer should contact several qualified installers to compare prices before installation. The customer must pay for any required maintenance and annual testing and must furnish a copy of the test results demonstrating that the assembly is functioning properly to the utility within 30 days after the anniversary date of the installation unless a different date is agreed upon.

Section 2.08 - Access to Customer's Premises

The utility will have the right of access to the customer's premises at all reasonable times for the purpose of installing, testing, inspecting or repairing water mains or other equipment used in connection with its provision of water service, or for the purpose of removing its property and disconnecting lines, and for all other purposes necessary to the operation of the utility system including inspecting the customer's plumbing for code, plumbing or tariff violations. The customer shall allow the utility and its personnel access to the customer's property to conduct any water quality tests or inspections required by law. Unless necessary to respond to equipment failure, leak or other condition creating an immediate threat-to public health and safety or the continued provision of adequate utility service to others, such entry upon the customer's property shall be during normal business hours and the utility personnel will attempt to notify the customer that they will be working on the customer's property. The customer may require any utility representative, employee, contractor, or agent seeking to make such entry identify themselves, their affiliation with the utility, and the purpose of their entry.

All customers or service applicants shall provide access to meters and utility cutoff valves at all times reasonably necessary to conduct ordinary utility business and after normal business hours as needed to protect and preserve the integrity of the public drinking water supply.

Section 2.09 - Meter Requirements, Readings, and Testing

One meter is required for each residential, commercial, or industrial connection. All water sold by the utility will be billed based on meter measurements. The utility will provide, install, own and maintain meters to measure amounts of water consumed by its customers.

Meters will be read at monthly intervals and as nearly as possible on the corresponding day of each monthly meter reading period unless otherwise authorized by the Commission.

Meter tests. The utility will, upon the request of a customer, and, if the customer so desires, in his or her presence or in that of his or her authorized representative, make without charge a test of the accuracy of the customer's meter. If the customer asks to observe the test, the test will be made during the utility's normal working hours at a time convenient to the customer.

Whenever possible, the test will be made on the customer's premises, but may, at the utility's discretion, be made at the utility's testing facility. If within a period of two years the customer requests a new test, the utility will make the test, but if the meter is found to be within the accuracy standards established by the American Water Works Association, the utility will charge the customer a fee which reflects the cost to test the meter up to a maximum \$25 for a residential customer. Following the completion of any requested test, the utility will promptly advise the customer of the date of removal of the meter, the date of the test, the result of the test, and who made the test.

Section 2.10 - Billing

(A) Regular Billing

Bills from the utility will be mailed monthly unless otherwise authorized by the Commission. The due date of bills for utility service will be at least sixteen (16) days from the date of issuance. The postmark on the bill or, if there is no postmark on the bill, the recorded date of mailing by the utility will constitute proof of the date of issuance. Payment for utility service is delinquent if full payment, including late fees and the regulatory assessment, is not received at the utility or the utility's authorized payment agency by 5:00 p.m. on the due date. If the due date falls on a holiday or weekend, the due date for payment purposes will be the next workday after the due date.

(B) Late Fees

A late penalty of either \$5.00 or 10.0% will be charged on bills received after the due date. The penalty on delinquent bills will not be applied to any balance to which the penalty was applied in a previous billing. The utility must maintain a record of the date of mailing to charge the late penalty.

(C) Information on Bill

Each bill will provide all information required by the PUC rules. For each of the systems it operates, the utility will maintain and note on the monthly bill a local or toll-free telephone number (or numbers) to which customers can direct questions about their utility service.

(D) Prorated Bills

If service is interrupted or seriously impaired for 24 consecutive hours or more, the utility will prorate the monthly base bill in proportion to the time service was not available to reflect this loss of service.

Section 2.11-Payments*

All payments for utility service shall be delivered or mailed to the utility's business office. If the business office fails to receive payment prior to the time of noticed disconnection for non-payment of a delinquent account, service will be terminated as scheduled. Utility service crews shall not be allowed to collect payments on customer accounts in the field. Payment of an account by any means that has been dishonored and returned by the payer or payee's bank, shall be deemed to be delinquent. All returned payments must be redeemed with cash or valid money order. If a customer has two returned payments within a twelve month period, the customer shall be required to pay a deposit if one has not already been paid.

Section 2.12 - Service Disconnection

(A) With Notice

Utility service may be disconnected if the bill has not been paid in full by the date listed on the termination notice. The termination date must be at least 10 days after the notice is mailed or hand delivered.

The utility is encouraged to offer a deferred payment plan to a customer who cannot pay an outstanding bill. in full and is willing to pay the balance in reasonable installments. However, a customer's utility service may be disconnected if a bill has not been paid or a deferred payment agreement entered into within 26 days from the date of issuance of a bill and if proper notice of termination has been given.

Notice of termination must be a separate mailing or hand delivery in accordance with the PUC Rules.

(B) Without Notice

Utility service may also be disconnected without notice for reasons as described in the PUC Rules.

Section 2.13 - Reconnection of Service

Utility personnel must be available during normal business hours to accept payments on the day service is disconnected and the following day unless service was disconnected at the customer's request or due to a hazardous condition.

Service will be reconnected within 36 hours after the past due bill, reconnect fees and any other outstanding charges are paid or the conditions which caused service to be disconnected are corrected.

Section 2.14 - Service Interruptions

The utility will make all reasonable efforts to prevent interruptions of service. If interruptions occur, the utility will re-establish service within the shortest possible time. Except for momentary interruptions due to automatic equipment operations, the utility will keep a complete record of all interruptions, both emergency and scheduled and will notify the Commission in writing of any service interruptions affecting the entire system or any major division of the system lasting more than four hours. The notice will explain the cause of the interruptions.

Section 2.15 - Quality of Service

The utility will plan, furnish, and maintain production, treatment, storage, transmission, and distribution facilities of sufficient size and capacity to provide a continuous and adequate supply of water for all reasonable consumer uses. Unless otherwise authorized by the Commission, the utility will maintain facilities as described in the TCEQ Rules and Regulations for Public Water Systems.

Section 2.16 - Customer Complaints and Disputes

If a customer or applicant for service lodges a complaint, the utility will promptly make a suitable investigation and advise the complainant of the results. Service will not be disconnected pending completion of the investigation. If the complainant is dissatisfied with the utility's response, the utility must advise the complainant that he has recourse through the PUC complaint process. Pending resolution of a complaint, the Commission may require continuation or restoration of service.

The utility will maintain a record of all complaints which shows the name and address of the complainant, the date and nature of the complaint and the adjustment or disposition thereof, for a period of two years after the final settlement of the complaint.

In the event of a dispute between a customer and a utility regarding any bill for utility service, the utility will conduct an investigation and report the results to the customer. If the dispute is not resolved, the utility will inform the customer that a complaint may be filed with the Commission.

Section 2.17 - Customer Liability

Customer shall be liable for any damage or injury to utility-owned property shown to be caused by the customer.

SECTION 3.0 -- EXTENSION POLICY

Section 3.01 - Standard Extension Requirements

Line Extension and Construction Charges: No Contribution in Aid of Construction may be required of any customer except as provided for in this approved extension policy.

The Utility is not required to extend service to any applicant outside of its certified service area and will only do so under terms and conditions mutually agreeable to the Utility and the applicant, in compliance with PUC rules and policies, and upon extension of the Utility's certified service area boundaries by the PUC.

The applicant for service will be given an itemized statement of the costs, options such as rebates to the customer, sharing of construction costs between the utility and the customer, or sharing of costs between the customer and other applicants prior to beginning construction.

Section 3.02 - Costs Utilities and Service Applicants Shall Bear

Within its certified area, the utility will pay the cost of the first 200 feet of any water main or distribution line necessary to extend service to an individual residential customer within a platted subdivision.

However, if the residential customer requesting service purchased the property after the developer was notified in writing of the need to provide facilities to the utility, the utility may charge for the first 200 feet. The utility must also be able to document that the developer of the subdivision refused to provide facilities compatible with the utility's facilities in accordance with the utility's approved extension policy after receiving a written request from the utility.

Residential customers will be charged the equivalent of the costs of extending service to their property from the nearest transmission or distribution line even if that line does not have adequate capacity to serve the customer. However, if the customer places unique, non-standard service demands upon the system, the customer may be charged the additional cost of extending service to and throughout their property, including the cost of all necessary transmission and storage facilities necessary to meet the service demands anticipated to be created by that property.

Unless an exception is granted by the PUC, the residential service applicant shall not be required to pay for costs of main extensions greater than 2" in diameter for water distribution and pressure wastewater collection lines and 6" in diameter for gravity wastewater lines.

Exceptions may be granted by the PUC if:

- adequate service cannot be provided to the applicant using the maximum line sizes listed due to distance or elevation, in which case, it shall be the utility's burden to justify that a larger diameter pipe is required for adequate service;
- or larger minimum line sizes are required under subdivision platting requirements or building codes of municipalities within whose corporate limits or extraterritorial jurisdiction the point of use is located; or the residential service applicant is located outside the CCN service area.

If an exception is granted, the Utility shall establish a proportional cost plan for the specific extension or a rebate plan which may be limited to seven years to return the portion of the applicant's costs for overriding as new customers are added to ensure that future applicants for service on the line pay at least as much as the initial service applicant.

SECTION 3.0 -- EXTENSION POLICY (Continued)

For purposes of determining the costs that service applicants shall pay, commercial customers with service demands greater than residential customer demands in the certified area, industrial, and wholesale customers shall be treated as developers. A service applicant requesting a one inch meter for a lawn sprinkler system to service a residential lot is not considered nonstandard service.

If an applicant requires service other than the standard service provided by the utility, such applicant will be required to pay all expenses incurred by the utility in excess of the expenses that would be incurred in providing the standard service and connection beyond 200 feet and throughout his property including the cost of all necessary transmission facilities.

The utility will bear the full cost of any over-sizing of water mains necessary to serve other customers in the immediate area. The individual residential customer shall not be charged for any additional production, storage, or treatment facilities. Contributions in aid of construction may not be required of individual residential customers for production, storage, treatment or transmission facilities unless otherwise approved by the Commission under this specific extension policy.

Section 3.03 - Contributions in Aid of Construction

Developers may be required to provide contributions in aid of construction in amounts sufficient to furnish the development with all facilities necessary to provide for reasonable local demand requirements and to comply with TCEQ minimum design criteria for facilities used in the production, transmission, pumping, or treatment of water or TCEQ minimum requirements. For purposes of this subsection, a developer is one who subdivides or requests more than two meters on a piece of property. Commercial, industrial, and wholesale customers will be treated as developers.

Any applicant who places unique or non-standard service demands on the system may be required to provide contributions in aid of construction for the actual costs of any additional facilities required to maintain compliance with the TCEQ minimum design criteria for water production, treatment, pumping, storage and transmission.

Any service extension to a subdivision (recorded or unrecorded) may be subject to the provisions and restrictions of 16 TAC 24.86(d). When a developer wishes to extend the system to prepare to service multiple new connections, the charge shall be the cost of such extension, plus a pro-rata charge for facilities which must be committed to such extension compliant with the TCEQ minimum design criteria. As provided by 16 TAC 24.85(e)(3), for purposes of this section, commercial, industrial, and wholesale customers shall be treated as developers.

A utility may only charge a developer standby fees for unrecovered costs of facilities committed to a developer's property under the following circumstances:

- Under a contract and only in accordance with the terms of the contract; or
- if service is not being provided to a lot or lots within two years after installation of facilities necessary to provide service to the lots has been completed and if the standby fees are included on the utility's approved tariff after a rate change application has been filed. The fees cannot be billed to the developer or collected until the standby fees have been approved by the commission.
- For purposes of this section, a manufactured housing rental community can only be charged standby
 fees under a contract or if the utility installs the facilities necessary to provide individually metered
 service to each of the rental lots or spaces in the community.

SECTION 3.0 -- EXTENSION POLICY (Continued)

Section 3.04 - Appealing Connection Costs ,

The imposition of additional extension costs or charges as provided by Sections 3.0 - Extension Policy of this tariff shall be subject to appeal as provided in this tariff, PUC rules, or the rules of such other regulatory authority as may have jurisdiction over the utility's rates and services. Any applicant required to pay for any costs not specifically set forth in the rate schedule pages of this tariff shall be given a written explanation of such costs prior to payment and/or commencement of construction. If the applicant does not believe that these costs are reasonable or necessary, the applicant shall be informed of the right to appeal such costs to the PUC or such other regulatory authority having jurisdiction over the utility's rates in that portion of the utility's service area in which the applicant's property(is) is located.'

Section 3.05 - Applying for Serviće

The Utility will provide a written service application form to the applicant for each request for service received by the Utility's business offices. A separate application shall be required for each potential service location if more than one service connection is desired by any individual applicant. Service application forms will be available at the Utility's business office during normal weekday business hours. Service applications will be sent by prepaid first class United States mail to the address provided by the applicant upon request. Completed applications should be returned by hand delivery in case there are questions which might delay fulfilling the service request. Completed service applications may be submitted by mail if hand delivery is not possible.

Where a new tap or service connection is required, the service applicant shall be required to submit a written service application and request that a tap be made. A diagram, map, plat, or written metes and bounds description of precisely where the applicant desires each tap or service connection is to be made and, if necessary, where the meter is to be installed, along the applicant's property line may also be required with the tap request. The actual point of connection and meter installation must be readily accessible to Utility personnel for inspection, servicing, and meter reading while being reasonably secure from damage by vehicles and mowers. If the Utility has more than one main adjacent to the service applicant's property, the tap or service connection will be made to the Utility's nearest service main with adequate capacity to service the applicant's full potential service demand. Beyond the initial 200 feet, the customer shall bear only the equivalent cost of extending from the nearest main. If the tap or service connection cannot be made at the applicant's desired location, it will be made at another location mutually acceptable to the applicant and the Utility. If no agreement on location can be made, the applicant may refer the matter to the PUC for resolution.

Section 3.06 - Qualified Service Applicant

A "qualified service applicant" is an applicant who has: (1) met all of the Utility's requirements for service contained in this tariff, PUC rules and/or PUC order, (2) has made payment or made arrangement for payment of tap fees, (3) has provided all easements and rights-of-way required to provide service to the requested location, (4) delivered an executed customer service inspection certificate to the Utility, if applicable, and (5) has executed a customer service application for each location to which service is being requested.

SECTION 3.0 -- EXTENSION POLICY (Continued)

The Utility shall serve each qualified service applicant within its certified service area as soon as practical after receiving a completed service application. All service requests will be fulfilled within the time limits prescribed by PUC rules once the applicant has met all conditions precedent to achieving "qualified service applicant" status. If a service request cannot be fulfilled within the required period, the applicant shall be notified in writing of the delay, its cause and the anticipated date that service will be available. The PUC service dates shall not become applicable until the service applicant has met all conditions precedent to becoming a qualified service applicant as defined by PUC rules.

Section 3.07 - Developer Requirements

As a condition of service to a new subdivision, the Utility shall require a developer (as defined by PUC rule) to provide permanent recorded public utility easements as a condition of service to any location within the developer's property.

APPENDIX A -- DROUGHT CONTINGENCY PLAN

"This page incorporates by reference the utility's Drought Contingency Plan, as approved and periodically amended by the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality."

APPENDIX B -- SAMPLE SERVICE AGREEMENT

From 30 TAC Chapter 290.47(b), Appendix B

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 re-inspection.
 - 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:		
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DATE: ,	•	

APPENDIX C -- APPLICATION FOR SERVICE (Utility Must Attach Blank Copy)



Public Utility Commission of Texas

By These Presents Be It Known To All That

Quadvest, L.P.

having obtained certification to provide sewer 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, Quadvest, L.P., is entitled to this

Certificate of Convenience and Necessity No. 20952

to provide continuous and adequate sewer utility service to that service area or those service areas in Fort Bend, Harris, Montgomery, Liberty and Waller Counties as by final Order or Orders duly entered by this Commission, which Order or Orders resulting from Docket No. 44794 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 the Quadvest, L.P., 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, Tex	às, this	day of	2016.

Quadvest LP Portion of Sewer Service Area CCN No. 20952 PUC Docket No. 44794

Transferred and Cancelled Westside Water, LLC., CCN No. 20878 in Harris County





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Sewer CCN Service Area

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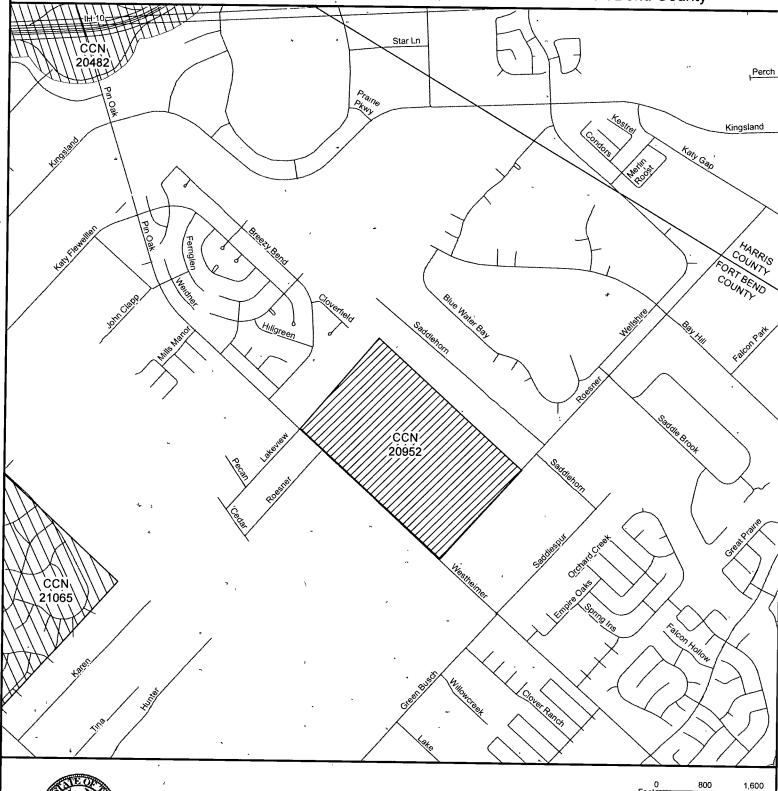


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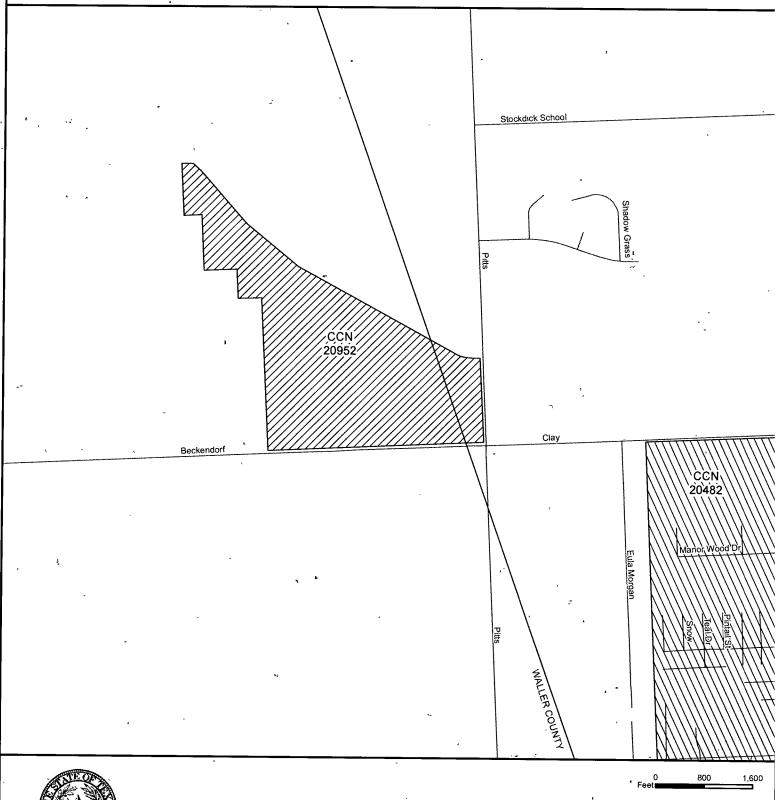
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SEWER UTILITY TARIFF

Docket Number: 44794

Quadvest, L.P. (Utility Name)

P.O. Box 409 (Business Address)

<u>Tomball, Texas</u> 77377 (City, State, Zip Code)

281/356-5347 (Area Code/Telephone)

This tariff is effective for utility operations under the following Certificate of Convenience and Necessity:

<u>20952</u>

This tariff is effective in the following county:

Harris, Fort Bend, Montgomery, Liberty, Waller

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

None

This tariff is effective in the following subdivisions and water quality permit numbers:

See attached list.

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LIST OF SUBDIVISION AND SYSTEMS

Bauer Road	WQ0014675-001	
Bella Vista Water	WQ0013863-002	
Treatment Facility	ŕ	
Benders Landing	WQ0014755-001	
Cane Island	WQ0015101-001	
Creekside Village *	WQ0014531-001	
Decker Oaks Subdivision	WQ0013863-001	
Grand San Jacinto	WQ0015192-001	
Lakes of Fairhaven	WQ0014434-001	
Lake Pointe Estates	WQ0012370-001	
Lonestar Ranch Section	WQ0014029-001	
III, Lonestar Ranch		
Section IV and Somerset		
Magnolia ISD, Mostyn	WQ0014711-001	
Manor		
Magnolia Lakes	WQ001452-001	
Victoria Station	WQ0014266-001	

SECTION 1.0 - RATE SCHEDULE

Rates Effective April 8, 2013

Meter Size	Monthly Flat Rate
	(Includes 0 gallons)
5/8" x 3/4"	<u>\$67.50</u>
3/4"	<u>\$67.50</u>
1"	<u>\$67.50</u>
11/2"	<u>\$337.50</u>
2"	<u>\$540.00</u>
3"	<u>\$1,012.50</u>
4"	\$1,687.50
6"	<u>\$3,375.00</u>
8"	\$5,400.00
10"	<u>\$7,762.50</u>

Residential sewer service will be billed the monthly flat rate only.

Non-residential service connections will be billed the monthly flat rate plus \$3.33 per 1,000 gallons of actual water meter usage as supplied by the water utility.

Rates Effective January 8, 2014

Meter Size	Monthly Flat Rate
	(Includes 0 gallons)
5/8" x 3/4"	<u>\$76.00</u>
3/4"	<u>\$76.00</u>
. 1"	<u>\$76.00</u>
* 1½"	<u>\$380.00</u>
2"	<u>\$608.00</u>
3"	<u>\$1,140.00</u>
4"	\$1,900.00
6"	<u>\$3,800.00</u>
8"	<u>\$6,080.00</u>
10"	<u>\$8,740.00</u>

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Non-residential service connections will be billed the monthly flat rate plus \$3.33 per 1,000 gallons of actual water meter usage as supplied by the water utility.

FORM OF PAYMENT: The utility will accept the following forms of payment:

Cash X, Check X, Money Order X, Credit Card X, Other (specify) Bank Draft

THE UTILITY MAY REQUIRE EXACT CHANGE FOR PAYMENTS AND MAY REFUSE TO ACCEPT PAYMENTS MADE USING MORE THAN \$1.00 IN SMALL COINS. A WRITTEN RECEIPT WILL BE GIVEN FOR CASH PAYMENTS.

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SECTION 1.0 - RATE SCHEDULE

Meter Size	Monthly Flat Rate
5/8" x 3/4" .	\$33.00
1"	<u>\$55.00</u>
11/2"	\$110.00°
2"	<u>\$176.00</u>
21/2"	<u>\$264.00</u>
3"	\$330.00
4"	<u>\$550.00</u>

Residential sewer service will be billed the monthly flat rate plus \$7.00 per 1,000 gallons of actual water meter usage.

For sewer rate purposes, residential water usage is based on the average water consumption for December, January and February and is reset annually. Users without usage experience for those months shall be billed \$63.00 per month, based on a 5/8" meter. Non-residential customers are billed on each month's metered water consumption.

FORM OF PAYMENT: The utility will accept the following forms of payment:

· Cash X_, Check X_, Money Order X_, Credit Card X_, Other (specify) Bank Draft

THE UTILITY MAY REQUIRE EXACT CHANGE FOR PAYMENTS AND MAY REFUSE TO ACCEPT PAYMENTS MADE USING MORE THAN \$1.00 IN SMALL COINS. A WRITTEN RECEIPT WILL BE GIVEN FOR CASH PAYMENTS.

Section 1.02 - Miscellaneous Fees

RECONNECTION FEE

THE RECONNECT FEE MUST BE PAID BEFORE SERVICE CAN BE RESTORED TO A CUSTOMER WHO HAS BEEN DISCONNECTED FOR THE FOLLOWING REASONS (OR OTHER REASONS LISTED UNDER SECTION 2.0 OF THIS TARIFF):

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SECTION 1.0 - RATE SCHEDULE CONT.

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EQUIPMENT DAMAGE FEE:
IF FACILITIES OR EQUIPMENT HAVE BEEN DAMAGED DUE TO TAMPERING, NEGLIGENCE: OR
UNAUTHORIZED USE OF EQUIPMENT, RIGHT-OF-WAY, OR DUE TO OTHER ACTS FOR WHICH THE
UTILITY INCURS LOSSES OR DAMAGES SHOWN TO BE CAUSED BY THE CUSTOMER, THE CUSTOMER SHALL BE LIABLE FOR THE ACTUAL COSTS FOR ALL LABOR, MATERIAL, AND EQUIPMENT USE FEES
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WHEN AUTHORIZED IN WRITING BY PUC AND AFTER NOTICE TO CUSTOMERS, THE UTILITY MAY INCREASE RATES TO RECOVER INCREASED COSTS FOR INSPECTION FEES AND WATER TESTING. [PUC Subst. R. 24.21(K)(2)]

LINE EXTENSION AND CONSTRUCTION CHARGES:

REFER TO SECTION 3.0--EXTENSION POLICY FOR TERMS, CONDITIONS, AND CHARGES WHEN NEW CONSTRUCTION IS NECESSARY TO PROVIDE SERVICE.

SECTION 1.0 -- RATE SCHEDULE

Section 1.01 - Rates

Meter Size	Monthly Minimum Charge	Gallonage Charge
5/8"	\$70.00 (Includes all gallons - Residential)	\$4.50 per 1000 gallons for
3/4"	\$ <u>70.00</u>	all gallons - Non-residential
1"	<u>\$70.00</u>	_
11/2 "	<u>\$70.00</u>	
2"	<u>\$373.36</u>	
3"	\$700.05	
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SECTION 1.0 – RATE SCHEDULE (Continued)

THE RECONNECT FEE MUST BE PAID BEFORE SERVICE CAN BE RESTORED TO A CUSTOMER WHO HAS BEEN DISCONNECTED FOR THE FOLLOWING REASONS (OR OTHER REASONS LISTED UNDER SECTION 2.0 OF THIS TARIFF): a) Non payment of bill (Maximum \$25.00)
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SECTION 2.0 – SERVICE RULES AND POLICIES

The utility will have the most current Public Utility Commission of Texas (PUC or Commission) Rules, Chapter 24, available at its office for reference purposes. The Rules and this tariff shall be available for public inspection and reproduction at a reasonable cost. The latest Rules or Commission approved changes to the Rules supersede any rules or requirements in this tariff.

<u>Section 2.01 – Application for Sewer Service</u>

All applications for service will be made on the utility's standard application or contract form (attached in the Appendix to this tariff), will be signed by the applicant, any required fees (deposits, reconnect, tap, extension fees, etc. as applicable) will be paid and easements, if required, will be granted before service is provided by the utility. A separate application or contract will be made for each service location.

Section 2.02 – Refusal of Service

The utility may decline to serve an applicant until the applicant has complied with the regulations of the regulatory agencies (state and municipal regulations) and for the reasons outlined in the PUC Rules. In the event that the utility refused to serve an applicant, the utility will inform the applicant in writing of the basis of its refusal. The utility is also required to inform the applicant that a complaint may be filed with the Commission.

Section 2.03 - Fees and Charges & Easements Required Before Service Can Be Connected

(A) Customer Deposits

If a residential applicant cannot establish credit to the satisfaction of the utility, the applicant may be required to pay a deposit as provided for in Section 1.02 – Miscellaneous Fees of this tariff. The utility will keep records of the deposit and credit interest in accordance with PUC Rules.

Residential applicants 65 years of age or older may not be required to pay deposits unless the applicant has an outstanding account balance with the utility or another water or sewer utility which accrued within the last two years.

Nonresidential applicants who cannot establish credit to the satisfaction of the utility may be required to make a deposit that does not exceed an amount equivalent to one-sixth of the estimated annual billings.

Refund of deposit – If service is not connected, or after disconnection of service, the utility will promptly refund the customer's deposit plus accrued interest or the balance, if any, in excess of the unpaid bills for service furnished. The utility may refund the deposit at any time prior to termination of utility service but must refund the deposit plus interest for any residential customer who has paid 18 consecutive without being delinquent.

(B) Tap or Reconnect Fees

A new customer requesting service at a location where service has not previously been provided must pay a tap fee as provided in Section 1. A customer requesting service where service has previously been provided must pay a reconnect fee as provided in Section 1. Any applicant or existing customer required to pay for any costs not specifically set forth in the rate schedule pages of this tariff shall be given a written explanation of such costs prior to request for payment and/or commencement of construction. If the applicant or existing customer does not believe that these costs are reasonable or necessary, the applicant or existing customer shall be informed of their right to appeal such costs to the PUC or such other regulatory authority having jurisdiction over the utility's rate in that portion of the utility's service area in which the applicant's or existing customer's property(ies) is located.

Fees in addition to the regulate tap fee may be charged to cover unique costs not normally incurred as permitted by 30 TAC 24.86(a)(1)(C) if they are listed on this approved tariff. For example, a road bore for customers outside a subdivision or residential area could be considered a unique cost.

(C) Easement Requirement

Where recorded public utility easements on the service applicant's property do not exist or public road right-of-way easements are not available to access the applicant's property, the Utility may require the applicant to provide it with a permanent recorded public utility easement on and across the applicant's real property sufficient to provide service to that applicant. Such easement(s) shall not be used for the construction of production, storage, transmission or pressure facilities unless they are needed for adequate service to that applicant.

Section 2.04 - Utility Response to Applications for Service

After the applicant has met all the requirements, conditions and regulations for service, the utility will install tap and utility cut-off and/or take all necessary actions to initiate service. The utility will serve each qualified applicant for service within 5 working days unless line extensions or new facilities are required. If construction is required to fill the order and if it cannot be completed within 30 days, the utility will provide the applicant with a written explanation of the construction required and an expected date of service.

Except for good cause where service has previously been provided, service will be reconnected within one working day after the applicant has met the requirements for reconnection.

Section 2.05 - Customer Responsibility

The customer will be responsible for furnishing and laying the necessary customer service pipe from the tap location to the place of consumption. Customers will not be allowed to use the utility's cutoff.

2.06 - Access to Customer's Premises

All customers or service applicants shall provide access to utility cutoffs at all times reasonably necessary to conduct ordinary utility business and after normal business hours as needed to protect and preserve the integrity of the public drinking water supply.

Section 2.07 - Back Flow Prevention Devices

No water connection shall be made to any establishment where an actual or potential contamination or system hazard exists without an approved air gap or mechanical backflow prevention assembly. The air gap or backflow prevention assembly shall be installed in accordance with the American Water Works Association (AWWA) standards C510, C511 and AWWA Manual M14 or the University of Southern California Manual of Cross-Connection Control, current edition. The backflow assembly installation by a licensed plumber shall occur at the customer's expense.

The back flow assembly shall be tested upon installation by a recognized prevention assembly tester and certified to be operating within specifications. Back flow prevention assemblies which are installed to provide protection against high health hazards must be tested and certified to be operating within specifications at least annually by a recognized back flow prevention device tester. The maintenance and testing of the back flow assembly shall occur at the customer's expense.

Section 2.10 - Billing

(A) Regular Billing

Bills from the utility will be mailed monthly unless otherwise authorized by the Commission. The due date of bills for utility service will be at least sixteen (16) days from the date of issuance. The postmark on the bill or, if there is no postmark on the bill, the recorded date of mailing by the utility will constitute proof of the date of issuance. Payment for utility service is delinquent if full payment, including late fees and the regulatory assessment, is not received at the utility or the utility's authorized payment agency by 5:00 p.m. on the due date. If the due date falls on a holiday or weekend, the due date for payment purposes will be the next workday after the due date.

(B) Late Fees

A late penalty of either \$5.00 or 10% will be charged on bills received after the due date. The penalty on delinquent bills will not be applied to any balance to which the penalty was applied in a previous billing. The utility must maintain a record of the date of mailing to charge the late penalty.

(C) Information on Bill

Each bill will provide all information required by the PUC Rules. For each of the systems it operates, the utility will maintain and note on the monthly bill a local or toll-free telephone number (or numbers) to which customers can direct questions about their utility service.

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(D) Prorated Bills

If service is interrupted or seriously impaired for 24 consecutive hours or more, the utility will prorate the monthly base bill in proportion to the time service was not available to reflect this loss of service.

Section 2.11- Payments

All payments for utility service shall be delivered or mailed to the utility's business office. If the business office fails to receive payment prior to the time of noticed disconnection for non-payment of a delinquent account, service will be terminated as scheduled. Utility service crews shall not be allowed to collect payments on customer accounts in the field.

Payment of an account by any means that has been dishonored and returned by the payor or payee's bank, shall be deemed to be delinquent. All returned payments must be redeemed with cash or valid money order. If a customer has two returned payments within a twelve month period, the customer shall be required to pay a deposit if one has not already been paid.

Section 2.12 - Service Disconnection

(A) With Notice

Utility service may be disconnected if the bill has not been paid in full by the date listed on the termination notice. The termination date must be at least 10 days after the notice is mailed or hand delivered. The utility is encouraged to offer a deferred payment plan to a customer who cannot pay an outstanding bill in full and is willing to pay the balance in reasonable installments. However, a customer's utility service may be disconnected if a bill has not been paid or a deferred payment agreement entered into within 26 days from the date of issuance of a bill and if proper notice of termination has been given.

Notice of termination must be a separate mailing or hand delivery in accordance with the PUC Rules.

(B) Without Notice

Utility service may also be disconnected without notice for reasons as described in the PUC Rules.

Section 2.13 - Reconnection of Service

Utility personnel must be available during normal business hours to accept payments on the day service is disconnected and the following day unless service was disconnected at the customer's request or due to a hazardous condition. Service will be reconnected within 24 hours after the past due bill, reconnect fees and any other outstanding charges are paid or the conditions which caused service to be disconnected are corrected.

Section 2.14 - Service Interruptions

The utility will make all reasonable efforts to prevent interruptions of service. If interruptions occur, the utility will re-establish service within the shortest possible time. Except for momentary interruptions due to automatic equipment operations, the utility will keep a complete record of all interruptions, both emergency and scheduled and will notify the Commission in writing of any service interruptions affecting the entire system or any major division of the system lasting more than four hours. The notice will explain the cause of the interruptions.

Section 2.15 - Quality of Service

The utility will plan, furnish, and maintain and operate production, treatment, storage, transmission, and collection facilities of sufficient size and capacity to provide continuous and adequate service for all reasonable consumer uses and to treat sewage and discharge effluent of the quality required by its discharge permit issued by the Commission. Unless otherwise authorized by the Commission, the utility will maintain facilities as described in the TCEQ Rules.

Section 2.16 - Customer Complaints and Disputes

If a customer or applicant for service lodges a complaint, the utility will promptly make a suitable investigation and advise the complainant of the results. Service will not be disconnected pending completion of the investigation. If the complainant is dissatisfied with the utility's response, the utility must advise the complainant that he has recourse through the TCEQ complaint process. Pending resolution of a complaint, the commission may require continuation or restoration of service.

The utility will maintain a record of all complaints which shows the name and address of the complainant, the date and nature of the complaint and the adjustment or disposition thereof, for a period of two years after the final settlement of the complaint.

In the event of a dispute between a customer and a utility regarding any bill for utility service, the utility will conduct an investigation and report the results to the customer. If the dispute is not resolved, the utility will inform the customer that a complaint may be filed with the Commission.

Section 2.17 - Customer Liability

Customer shall be liable for any damage or injury to utility-owned property shown to be caused by the customer.

SECTION 3.0 -- EXTENSION POLICY

Section 3.01 - Standard Extension Requirements

Line Extension and Construction Charges: No Contribution in Aid of Construction may be required of any customer except as provided for in this approved extension policy.

The Utility is not required to extend service to any applicant outside of its certified service area and will only do so under terms and conditions mutually agreeable to the Utility and the applicant, in compliance with PUC rules and policies, and upon extension of the Utility's certified service area boundaries by the PUC.

The applicant for service will be given an itemized statement of the costs, options such as rebates to the customer, sharing of construction costs between the utility and the customer, or sharing of costs between the customer and other applicants prior to beginning construction.

Section 3.02 - Costs Utilities and Service Applicant's Shall Bear

Within its certified area, the utility will pay the cost of the first 200 feet of any water main or distribution line necessary to extend service to an individual residential customer within a platted subdivision.

However, if the residential customer requesting service purchased the property after the developer was notified in writing of the need to provide facilities to the utility, the utility may charge for the first 200 feet. The utility must also be able to document that the developer of the subdivision refused to provide facilities compatible with the utility's facilities in accordance with the utility's approved extension policy after receiving a written request from the utility.

Residential customers will be charged the equivalent of the costs of extending service to their property from the nearest collection line even if that line does not have adequate capacity to serve the customer. However, if the customer places unique, non-standard service demands upon the system, the customer may be charged the additional cost of extending service to and throughout their property, including the cost of all necessary transmission and storage facilities necessary to meet the service demands anticipated to be created by that property.

Unless an exception is granted by the PUC, the residential service applicant shall not be required to pay for costs of main extensions greater than 6" in diameter for gravity wastewater lines.

SECTION 3.0 -- EXTENSION POLICY (Continued)

Exceptions may be granted by the PUC if:

- adequate service cannot be provided to the applicant using the maximum line sizes listed due to distance or elevation, in which case, it shall be the utility's burden to justify that a larger diameter pipe is required for adequate service;
- or larger minimum line sizes are required under subdivision platting requirements or building codes of municipalities within whose corporate limits or extraterritorial jurisdiction the point of use is located; or the residential service applicant is located outside the CCN service area.

If an exception is granted, the Utility shall establish a proportional cost plan for the specific extension or a rebate plan which may be limited to seven years to return the portion of the applicant's costs for oversizing as new customers are added to ensure that future applicants for service on the line pay at least as much as the initial service applicant.

For purposes of determining the costs that service applicants shall pay, commercial customers with service demands greater than residential customer demands in the certified area, industrial, and wholesale customers shall be treated as developers.

If an applicant requires service other than the standard service provided by the utility, such applicant will be required to pay all expenses incurred by the utility in excess of the expenses that would be incurred in providing the standard service and connection beyond 200 feet and throughout his property including the cost of all necessary transmission facilities.

The utility will bear the full cost of any over-sizing of sewer mains necessary to serve other customers in the immediate area. The individual residential customer shall not be charged for any additional treatment facilities. Contributions in aid of construction <u>may not be required</u> of individual residential customers for production, storage, treatment or transmission facilities unless otherwise approved by the Commission under this specific extension policy.

Section 3.03 - Contributions in Aid of Construction

Developers may be required to provide contributions in aid of construction in amounts sufficient to furnish the development with all facilities necessary to provide for reasonable local demand requirements and to comply with TCEQ minimum design criteria for facilities used in the production, collection, transmission, pumping, or treatment of sewage or TCEQ minimum requirements. For purposes of this subsection, a developer is one who subdivides or requests more than two meters on a piece of property. Commercial, industrial, and wholesale customers will be treated as developers.

SECTION 3.0 -- EXTENSION POLICY (Continued)

Any applicant who places unique or non-standard service demands on the system may be required to provide contributions in aid of construction for the actual costs of any additional facilities required to maintain compliance with the TCEQ minimum design criteria for water production, treatment, pumping, storage and transmission.

Any service extension to a subdivision (recorded or unrecorded) may be subject to the provisions and restrictions of 30 TAC 24.86(d). When a developer wishes to extend the system to prepare to service multiple new connections, the charge shall be the cost of such extension, plus a prorata charge for facilities which must be committed to such extension compliant with the TCEQ minimum design criteria. As provided by 30 TAC 24.85(e)(3), for purposes of this section, commercial, industrial, and wholesale customers shall be treated as developers.

A utility may only charge a developer standby fees for unrecovered costs of facilities committed to a developer's property under the following circumstances:

- Under a contract and only in accordance with the terms of the contract; or
- if service is not being provided to a lot or lots within two years after installation of facilities necessary to provide service to the lots has been completed and if the standby fees are included on the utility's approved tariff after a rate change application has been filed. The fees cannot be billed to the developer or collected until the standby fees have been approved by the commission or executive director.
- for purposes of this section, a manufactured housing rental community can only be charged standby fees under a contract or if the utility installs the facilities necessary to provide individually metered service to each of the rental lots or spaces in the community.

Section 3.04 - Appealing Connection Costs

The imposition of additional extension costs or charges as provided by Sections 3.0 - Extension Policy of this tariff shall be subject to appeal as provided in this tariff, PUC rules, or the rules of such other regulatory authority as may have jurisdiction over the utility's rates and services. Any applicant required to pay for any costs not specifically set forth in the rate schedule pages of this tariff shall be given a written explanation of such costs prior to payment and/or commencement of construction. If the applicant does not believe that these costs are reasonable or necessary, the applicant shall be informed of the right to appeal such costs to the PUC or such other regulatory authority having jurisdiction over the utility's rates in that portion of the utility's service area in which the applicant's property(ies) is located.

Section 3.05 - Applying for Service

The Utility will provide a written service application form to the applicant for each request for service received by the Utility's business offices. A separate application shall be required for each potential service location if more than one service connection is desired by any individual applicant.

SECTION 3.0 -- EXTENSION POLICY (Continued)

Service application forms will be available at the Utility's business office during normal weekday business hours. Service applications will be sent by prepaid first class United States mail to the address provided by the applicant upon request. Completed applications should be returned by hand delivery in case there are questions which might delay fulfilling the service request. Completed service applications may be submitted by mail if hand delivery is not possible.

Where a new tap or service connection is required, the service applicant shall be required to submit a written service application and request that a tap be made. A diagram, map, plat, or written metes and bounds description of precisely where the applicant desires each tap or service connection is to be made and, if necessary, where the meter is to be installed, along the applicant's property line may also be required with the tap request. The actual point of connection and meter installation must be readily accessible to Utility personnel for inspection, servicing, and meter reading while being reasonably secure from damage by vehicles and mowers. If the Utility has more than one main adjacent to the service applicant's property, the tap or service connection will be made to the Utility's nearest service main with adequate capacity to service the applicant's full potential service demand. Beyond the initial 200 feet, the customer shall bear only the equivalent cost of extending from the nearest main. If the tap or service connection cannot be made at the applicant service location, it will be made at another location mutually acceptable to the applicant and the Utility. If no agreement on location can be made, the applicant may refer the matter to the PUC for resolution.

Section 3.06 - Qualified Service Applicant

A "qualified service applicant" is an applicant who has: (1) met all of the Utility's requirements for service contained in this tariff, PUC rules and/or PUC order, (2) has made payment or made arrangement for payment of tap fees, (3) has provided all easements and rights-of-way required to provide service to the requested location, (4) delivered an executed customer service inspection certificate to the Utility, if applicable, and (5) has executed a customer service application for each location to which service is being requested.

The Utility shall serve each qualified service applicant within its certified service area as soon as practical after receiving a completed service application. All service requests will be fulfilled within the time limits prescribed by PUC rules once the applicant has met all conditions precedent to achieving "qualified service applicant" status. If a service request cannot be fulfilled within the required period, the applicant shall be notified in writing of the delay, its cause and the anticipated date that service will be available. The PUC service dates shall not become applicable until the service applicant has met all conditions precedent to becoming a qualified service applicant as defined by PUC rules.

Section 3.07 - Developer Requirements

As a condition of service to a new subdivision, the Utility shall require a developer (as defined by PUC rule) to provide permanent recorded public utility easements as a condition of service to any location within the developer's property.