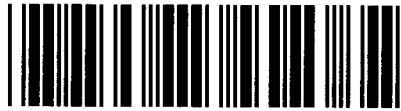




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APPLICATION OF WOODLAND
HILLS WATER, LLC TO IMPLEMENT
A PASS-THROUGH RATE CHANGE

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PUBLIC UTILITY COMMISSION

OF TEXAS
FILING CLERK

**COMMISSION STAFF'S RECOMMENDATION ON ADMINISTRATIVE
COMPLETENESS OF THE APPLICATION**

COMES NOW the Staff of the Public Utility Commission of Texas (Staff), representing the public interest, and files this Recommendation on Administrative Completeness of the Application and would show the following:

I. BACKGROUND

On July 27, 2015, Woodland Hills Water, LLC (Woodland Hills or Applicant) filed an application with the Public Utility Commission of Texas (Commission) to implement a pass-through rate increase for the pumpage fee imposed on the utility by the San Jacinto River Authority (SJRA) for mandatory participation in the Groundwater Reduction Plan (GRP) pursuant to 16 Tex. Admin. Code §24.21(h). Woodland Hills holds water Certificate of Convenience and Necessity No. 12388. In the application, Woodland Hills listed Texaba Subdivision, Public Water System (PWS) No. 1700621, as the water system affected by the pass through adjustment with the pass-through rate increase becoming effective on October 1, 2015.

On July 29, 2015, the Administrative Law Judge issued Notice Setting Deadline for Staff's Recommendation, which requires Staff to file comments on Woodland Hills' application, sufficiency of notice, and propose a procedural schedule. Therefore, this response is timely filed.

II. COMMENTS ON ADMINISTRATIVE COMPLETENESS OF APPLICATION

Staff has reviewed Woodland Hills' application for sufficiency and, based on the attached memorandum of Patricia Garcia of the Commission's Water Utility Regulation Division, Staff recommends the application be deemed deficient. 16 Tex. Admin. Code § 24.8(a) provides that, if the Commission determines that material deficiencies exist in any pleadings, statement of intent, applications, or other requests for Commission action addressed in 16 TAC Chapter 24, regarding a rate/tariff change application, the application or notice may be rejected. After review, Staff has determined that the application does not provide adequate information for the

Commission to process the application and therefore, Staff recommends the application be found not administratively complete.

III. PROPOSED PROCEDURAL SCHEDULE

Because Staff finds that the application is deficient, Staff does not propose a full procedural schedule at this time. Staff does recommend the Applicant have until September 8, 2015 to cure the identified deficiencies. Staff also requests it have until September 23, 2015 to file a supplemental sufficiency recommendation.

IV. CONCLUSION

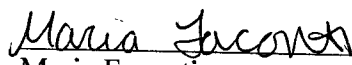
Staff recommends that Woodland Hills' application be deemed deficient for the reasons described in the attached memorandum of Patricia Garcia. Additionally, Staff recommends the Applicant be given until September 8, 2015 to cure the deficiencies in its application. In addition, Staff requests it have until September 23, 2015 to supplement this recommendation regarding the sufficiency of the application. Staff respectfully requests that the ALJ issue an order consistent with this request.

DATED: August 17, 2015

Respectfully Submitted,

Margaret Uhlig Pemberton
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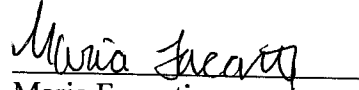
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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I certify that a copy of this document will be served on all parties of record on this the 17th day of August, 2015 in accordance with 16 TAC § 22.74.


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Water Utilities Division

From: Patricia Garcia, Staff Engineer *PGA*
Water Utilities Division

Date: August 14, 2015

Subject: **Tariff Control No. 44972** – *Application of Woodland Hills Water, LLC to Implement a Pass-Through Rate Change*

On July 27, 2015, Woodland Hills Water, LLC (Woodland Hills), Certificate of Convenience and Necessity (CCN) No. 12388, filed an application to implement a pass-through rate increase for the pumpage fee imposed on the utility by the San Jacinto River Authority (SJRA) for mandatory participation in the Groundwater Reduction Plan (GRP) pursuant to 16 Tex. Admin. Code §24.21(h). Woodland Hills listed Texaba Subdivision, Public Water System (PWS) No. 1700621, as the water system affected by the pass through adjustment. The pass-through rate increase will become effective on October 1, 2015.

Based upon review of the information submitted, Staff finds that the application is deficient. Staff recommends that the Commission order the Applicant to submit the following by September 7, 2015 to cure the deficiency:

1. Proof of actual line loss by submitting SJRA's bills showing the gallons pumped for which Woodland has been charged and documentation from the billing system, or the actual bills, showing the gallons billed for the preceding 12 months of their proposed rate increase, for the Texaba Subdivision PWS only.
2. Applicant should provide documentation that regulatory assessment fees owed to the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality (TCEQ) are paid current.