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**APPLICATION OF PONDER  
ENTERPRISES INC. DBA  
LONGHORN CO. FOR A CLASS C  
RATE ADJUSTMENT**

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### **COMMISSION STAFF'S COMPLIANCE TARIFF**

**COMES NOW** the Staff (Staff) of the Public Utility Commission of Texas (Commission), representing the public interest, and files this Compliance Tariff. In support thereof, Staff shows the following:

#### **I. BACKGROUND**

On December 17, 2015, Ponder Enterprises Inc. dba Longhorn Co. (Ponder) filed an application (Application) for a price index rate adjustment pursuant to Tex. Water Code § 13.1872 (TWC) and 16 Tex. Admin. Code § 24.36 (TAC). On January 19, 2016, Staff filed Commission Staff's Recommendation on Administrative Completeness and Recommendation on Final Disposition (Staff's Recommendation), recommending that the Application be found administratively complete and that the Application be approved.

On January 22, 2016, the Administrative Law Judge (ALJ) issued Order No. 2 finding the Application administratively complete and requiring Staff to file compliance tariff sheets. Therefore, Staff's compliance tariff for Ponder is timely filed.

#### **II. TARIFF SHEETS**

Consistent with Order No. 2, Staff hereby files the attached compliance tariff sheets, reflecting the proposed rates requested in the Application. Staff requests that the Application and attached tariff sheets be approved, consistent with Staff's Recommendation.

#### **III. REVISED NOTICE**

Staff's Final Recommendation requested the effective date of the proposed rate increase listed on Ponder's proposed notice be changed to March 18, 2016 and that Ponder be ordered to

provide notice no later than February 18, 2016.<sup>1</sup> Consistent with that recommendation, Staff proposes that Ponder be required to provide *revised* notice of the proposed change at least 30 days before the effective date of the proposed change.

#### IV. CONCLUSION

For the reasons stated above, Staff respectfully recommends that the Application, along with the attached compliance tariff sheets, be approved and that Ponder be ordered to provide *revised* notice of the proposed change at least 30 days before the effective date of the proposed change.

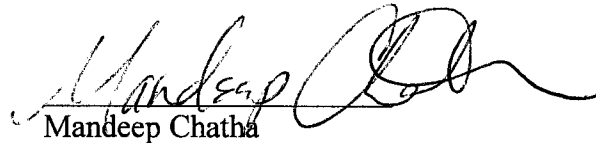
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<sup>1</sup> Pursuant to 16 TAC § 24.36(e), notice must be provided at least 30 days before the effective date of the proposed rate change established in the Commission's order.

Respectfully Submitted,

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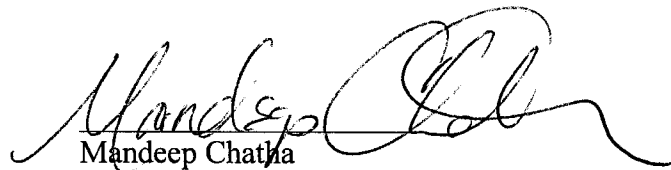
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**CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE**

I certify that a copy of this document will be served on all parties of record on January 26, 2016 in accordance with 16 TAC § 22.74.

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## WATER UTILITY TARIFF

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Ponder Enterprises, Inc. dba Longhorn Company  
(Utility Name)

5772 Tom Donald Road  
(Business Address)

Justin, Texas 76247  
(City, State, Zip Code)

(940) 648-5263  
(Area Code/Telephone)

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

12810

This tariff is effective in the following counties:  
Denton

This tariff is effective in the following cities or unincorporated towns (if any):  
None

This tariff is effective in the following subdivisions or public water systems:  
Double Rock Estates: PWS ID #0610179  
Longhorn Meadows Addition: PWS ID #0610217

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## SECTION 1.0 -- RATE SCHEDULE

### Section 1.01 - Rates

<u>Meter Size:</u>	<u>Monthly Minimum Charge</u> (Includes 0 gallons)	<u>Gallonage Charge</u>
5/8"	<u>\$45.71</u>	<u>\$5.08 per 1,000 gallons</u>
3/4"	<u>\$68.56</u>	
1"	<u>\$114.27</u>	
1½"	<u>\$228.53</u>	
2"	<u>\$365.65</u>	
3"	<u>\$685.60</u>	

#### Pass Through Fees:

\*An additional charge of the North Texas Groundwater Conservation District Fees (NTGWCD) Regulatory Water Use Fee of \$0.11 per 1,000 gallons (Effective January 18, 2012)

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

Cash\_\_\_ Check\_X\_ Money Order\_X\_ Credit Card\_\_\_ Other (specify)\_\_\_  
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.

REGULATORY ASSESSMENT..... 1.0%  
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 Fee

TAP FEE.....\$850.00  
TAP FEE COVERS THE UTILITY'S COSTS FOR MATERIALS AND LABOR TO INSTALL A STANDARD RESIDENTIAL 5/8" or 3/4" METER. AN ADDITIONAL FEE TO COVER UNIQUE COSTS IS PERMITTED IF LISTED ON THIS TARIFF.

TAP FEE (Unique Costs) .....Actual Cost  
FOR EXAMPLE, A ROAD BORE FOR CUSTOMERS OUTSIDE OF SUBDIVISIONS OR RESIDENTIAL AREAS.

TAP FEE (Large Meter) .....Actual Cost  
TAP FEE IS THE UTILITY'S ACTUAL COST FOR MATERIALS AND LABOR FOR METER SIZE INSTALLED.

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  
THIS FEE WHICH SHOULD REFLECT THE UTILITY'S COST MAY BE CHARGED IF A CUSTOMER 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.

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SECTION 1.0 -- RATE SCHEDULE (Continued)

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).....\$25.00
- b) Customer's request that service be disconnected.....\$20.00

TRANSFER FEE.....\$30.00

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).....\$5.00

PUC RULES ALLOW A ONE-TIME PENALTY TO BE CHARGED ON DELINQUENT BILLS. A LATE CHARGE MAY NOT BE APPLIED TO ANY BALANCE TO WHICH THE PENALTY WAS APPLIED IN A PREVIOUS BILLING.

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

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 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.