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APPLICATION OF RIO CONCHO	§	PUBLIC UTILIT IN GUPRY SPAN2: 29
AVIATION, INC. FOR A WATER OR WASTEWATER RATE/TARIFF CHANGE	§ § 8	OF TEXASUTILITY COMMISSION

RIO CONCHO AVIATION'S REQUEST FOR THE IMMEDIATE IMPLEMENTATION OF PROPOSED RATES

COMES NOW Rio Concho Aviation, Inc. (Rio Concho) requesting the immediate implementation of the Proposed Rates.

I. BACKGROUND

On March 22, 2016, Rio Concho filed an Application for a Water Rate/Tariff Change (Application) for Certificate of Convenience and Necessity No. 12835 in Tarrant County, Texas pursuant to Tex. Water Code § 13.1871 (TWC), Tex. Water Code § 13.1872(c)(2) (TWC) and 16 Tex. Admin. Code § 24.22 (TAC). In the Application, Rio Concho requested an overall increase in its revenue requirement of \$29,087.60 per year for a total revenue requirement of approximately \$152,016.00 per year. The proposed increase has an effective date of April 26, 2016. The application reflects a net profit/(loss) of (4,734.68).

The 12-month test year employed in Rio Concho's Application ended on December 31, 2015.

Rio Concho mailed notice of the proposed rate change to all of its customers on or about March 19, 2016.

On March 23, 2016, Order No. 1 was issued, establishing a deadline of April 21, 2016 for Staff to file comments on the administrative completeness of the application and notice.

On April 21, 2016, the Commission filed Recommendations on Administrative Completeness, Suspension of Rates and for Referral to the State Office of Administrative Hearings.

II. <u>FACTS</u>

- 1. On March 22, 2016, Rio Concho filed an Application for a Water Rate/Tariff Change (Application) for Certificate of Convenience and Necessity No. 12835 in Tarrant County, Texas pursuant to Tex. Water Code § 13.1871 (TWC), Tex. Water Code § 13.1872(c)(2) (TWC) and 16 Tex. Admin. Code § 24.22 (TAC).
- 2. Barbie Brunson, the vice-president of Rio Concho, who has knowledge of, and is familiar with all of the information submitted in such application, states that all expenses reported in the application are reasonable and customary for the operation of the utility.
- 3. The application reports a loss for the test year ending December 31, 2015
- 4. Commission staff has not shown that any expense is not reasonable or customary nor have they shown that any expense is not on going.
- 5. On April 21, 2016, the Commission filed a Recommendation for the Suspension of Rates.
- 6. The Commission has other options to protect the public interest that would not adversely affect the utility.
- 7. Rio Concho has approximately 240 connection comprised of airplane hangars and one restaurant. Sixty percent of Rio Concho's water customers use less than 1000 gallons per month. Using the proposed rates, this would represent an increase 7.88 per month.

III. CONCLUSION

For the reasons detailed above, Rio Concho requests that the Proposed Rate be effective immediately. The Commission has other means to protect the public interest other than requesting to suspend the Proposed Rate. The Commission can request that funds be escrowed, or adjustments can be made to the Final Rate during Mediation or the Hearing process, if any expenses are found to be not reasonable or customary. Delays in implementing the Proposed Rate will be detrimental to the financial stability of the utility.

Respectfully Submitted,

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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 26^{th} of April, 2016 in accordance with 16 Tex. Admin. Code § 22.74 (TAC).

Barbie Brunson