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APPLICATION OF NITSCH & SON
UTILITY COMPANY, INC. FOR A
RATE/TARIFF CHANGE

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NITSCH & SON UTILITY COMPANY, INC.'S SECOND SUPPLEMENTAL RESPONSES TO COMMISSION STAFF'S FIRST REQUEST FOR INFORMATION

Applicant, Nitsch & Son Utility Company, Inc., submits the following Second Supplemental Responses to Commission Staff's First Request for Information.

Supplemental Responses to Commission Staff's First Request for Information

Staff 1-7 Please provide paid, detailed invoices and supporting documentation for the rate case surcharge expense.

Response: See the attached supplemental response to Question No. Staff 1-7 providing additional invoices for Marvin B. Morgan and Willatt & Flickinger, PLLC since the date of the First Supplemental Responses were provided to the Commission Staff's First Request for Information. The invoices provide a description of the services provided through November 15, 2016.

Respectfully submitted,

WILLATT & FLICKINGER, PLLC Attorneys at Law 12912 Hill Country Blvd., Suite F-232 Austin, Texas 78738

Telephone: (512) 476-6604 Telecopier: (512) 469-9148

By:

Bill Flickinger

State Bar No. 07149050

Matthew W. McPhail State Bar No. 24074692

ATTORNEYS FOR NITSCH & SON UTILITY COMPANY, INC.

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VERIFICATION

STATE OF TEXAS	§
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COUNTY OF TRAVIS	§

I hereby verify that the foregoing Second Supplemental Responses to Commission Staff's First Request for Information No. Staff 1-7 above is true and correct.

By: Marvin B. Morgan, CPA
Utility Consulting

SUBSCRIBED AND SWORN TO BEFORE ME this 16th day of December, 2016.

ALLISON NIX
My Commission Expires
April 14, 2019

[SEAL]

Notary Public, State of Texas

Printed Name

My Commission Expires: 4.14.19

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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I hereby certify that on December 16, 2016, the foregoing document and attachments were filed with all parties of record in this proceeding via electronic submission through the PUC Filer and via first class mail delivery of hard copies to Central Records at the PUC.

Bill Flickinger

Nitsch & Son Utility Company, Inc. Supplemental Schedule II-17 A - Regulatory Expense For the Test Year Ended 12/31/2015

Updated through 11/15/2016

Rate Case Expenses incurred

Marvin B. Morgan - Consultin	ng:				
12/6/2014	#11989)	3,528.00		Previously provided PUC Staff #1-7
7/1/2015	#12005		2,200.00		Previously provided PUC Staff #1-7
8/14/2015	#12009)	5,200.00		Previously provided PUC Staff #1-7
11/4/2015	#12012	2	6,464.00		Previously provided PUC Staff #1-7
12/28/2015	#12014	ļ.	2,204.00		Previously provided PUC Staff #1-7
5/3/2016	#12022	2	4,536.00		Previously provided PUC Staff #1-7
6/2/2016	#12023	3	7,664.00		Previously provided PUC Staff #1-7
8/3/2016	#12026	5	1,004.00		Previously provided PUC Staff #1-7
8/3/2016	#12027	7 COH RFI's	4,200.00		Previously provided PUC Staff #1-7
8/25/2016	#12030)	2,732.00		Previously provided PUC Staff #1-7
8/25/2016	#12033	L COH RFI's	1,064.00		Previously provided PUC Staff #1-7
9/28/2016	#12035	5 PUC RFI's	1,400.00		Previously provided PUC Staff #1-7
9/28/2016	#12036	6 COH settlement	4,132.00		Previously provided PUC Staff #1-7
10/6/2016	#12031	7 COH settlement	3,136.00		Attached
11/15/2016	#1204:	L PUC RFI's	2,196.00		Attached
11/15/2016	#12042	2 COH settlement	1,936.00		Attached
				53,596.00	
Bill Flickinger, Attorney					
6/20/2016 # NITSO			2,734.20		Previously provided PUC Staff #1-7
8/18/2016 # NITSC			2,198.00		Previously provided PUC Staff #1-7
8/18/2016 # NITSO	CH081816	COH RFI's	3,825.30		Previously provided PUC Staff #1-7
9/27/2016 #NITSC		PUC RFI's	118.40		Previously provided PUC Staff #1-7
9/28/2016 #NITSC		сон	3,946.28		Previously provided PUC Staff #1-7
10/6/2016 #NITSC		PUC RFI's	1,412.10		Attached
10/6/2016 #NITSC		COH settlement	3,494.40		Attached
11/15/2016 #NITSC		PUC RFI's	3,676.10		Attached
11/15/2016 #NITSC	H111516	COH settlement	3,068.74		Attached
				 24,473.52	
Total rate case expenses in	curred			 78,069.52	=
Less amounts to be recovered	ed from insi	de City of Houston	•		_
via settlement				 9,676.80	_
Net recoverable incurred ra	te case exp	enses		68,392.72	
Amortize over three years				22,797.57	
Total Water and Sewer Custo				1,145	
Per Customer per month for	36 months			\$ 1.66	

Marvin B. Morgan, Utility Consulting

15009 Glen Heather Drive Lakeway, TX 78734-6276 Phone (512) 346-8349

Invoice submitted to:

Nitsch and Son Utility Company, Inc. 8131 Northline Dr. Houston, TX 77037

October 7, 2016

In Reference To: Rate Increase Application - City of Houston Only Invoice #12037

Professional Services

Amount 9/29/2016 Rate Increase Application - Preparation for hearing in Houston Phone conference with Bill Flickinger and analysis of revenue generated by proposed rates Conference calls with COH for settlement purposes 10/3/2016 Rate Increase Application - Analysis of COH staff offer and preparation of counter offer f 10/4/2016 Rate Increase Application - Discuss next settlement proposal to COH 10/5/2016 Rate Increase Application - answer question from City of Houston about revenues 10/6/2016 Rate Increase Application - evaluate City of Houston's last settlement offer and respond Hours __ For professional services rendered 7.84 \$3,136.00 Previous balance \$4,132.00 Balance due \$7,268.00

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Invoice submitted to:

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November 15, 2016

In Reference To: Rate Increase Application Invoice #12041

Professional Services

			Amount
10/25/2016	Rate Increase Application - Review and answer questions about app	lication	
10/28/2016	Rate Increase Application - Review PUC 4th request for information questions	and assign	
11/10/2016	Rate Increase Application - Review answers to PUC 4th request for it	nformation	
11/14/2016	Rate Increase Application - review printed PUC 4th RFI answers an affidavit	đ sign	
11/15/2016	Rate Increase Application - update rate case expenses for PUC		
		Hours	
	For professional services rendered	5.49	\$2,196.00
	Previous balance		\$4,132.00
	Balance due		\$6,328.00

Marvin B. Morgan, Utility Consulting

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Invoice submitted to:

Nitsch and Son Utility Company, Inc. 8131 Northline Dr. Houston, TX 77037

November 15, 2016

In Reference To: Rate Increase Application - City of Houston Only Invoice # 12042

Professional Services		
		Amount
10/13/2016 Rate Increase Application - Review of the City's proposed settlement and prepare tariff sheets to accompany the settlement agreement	document	
10/18/2016 Rate Increase Application- Analysis and advice on settlement provisi	ons	
	Hours	
For professional services rendered	4.84	\$1,936.00
Previous balance		\$7,268.00
10/8/2016 Payment - thank you. Check No. 1747 10/22/2016 Payment - thank you. Check No. 1768		(\$4,132.00) (\$3,136.00)
Total payments and adjustments		(\$7,268.00)
Balance due		\$1,936.00

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October 6, 2016

Mr. Glenn Nitsch Nitsch & Son Utility Company, Inc. 17414 Spicewood Spring Lane Spring, Texas 77379 **INVOICE # NITSCH100616**

FOR PROFESSIONAL SERVICES RENDERED since the date of last billing in connection with the Nitsch & Son Utility Company, Inc. rate case:

PUC APPLICATION

BILL FLICKINGER

10/06/16 Continue revising responses to PUC's Second Request for Information. (0.5 Hours).

Attorney BF: 0.5 Hours

ALLISON NIX

09/30/16	Receive and review PUC's Third Set of	f RFIs, and forward same to Glenn Nitsch
	and Marvin Morgan with cover email.	(0.2 Hours).

- 10/04/16 Receive, review and respond to email from Glenn Nitsch in connection with preparation of responses to the PUC's Second Set of RFIs. (0.3 Hours). Continue preparation of responses to PUC's Second Set of RFIs. (2.3 Hours).
- 10/05/16 Email verifications to be signed to Glenn Nitsch and Marvin Morgan for inclusion in the response to the PUC's Second Set of RFIs. (0.2 Hours). Office conference with Marvin Morgan for execution of verification for PUC response. (0.2 Hours). Receive and review emails from Glenn Nitsch providing information responsive to PUC's Second Set of RFIs. Continue preparation of responses to PUC's Second Set of RFIs. (0.9 Hours).
- 10/06/16 Continue compiling documentation for submission of responses to PUC. Draft and send email to Glenn Nitsch requesting legible copies of certain attachments. (2.5 Hours). Finalize responses to the PUC's Second Set of RFIs and e-file same. Proceed to the PUC for filing of hard copies. (1.7 Hours).

Legal Assistant AN: 8.3 Hours

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CITY OF HOUSTON APPLICATION

BILL FLICKINGER

09/28/16

Receive and review various emails from Marvin Morgan and Glenn Nitsch on offer by City of Houston. (0.5 Hours). Telephone conference with Marvin Morgan on same. (0.3 Hours). Draft email to attorney Alton Hall requesting additional information to evaluate the City's offer. (0.5 Hours). Receive, review and respond to email from Alton Hall on possible settlement of City of Houston rate case, and telephone conference with Marvin Morgan on same. (0.4 Hours).

09/29/16

Receive and review emails from Alton Hall and Marvin Morgan on proposed settlement of City of Houston rate case and follow-up email to Marvin Morgan on same. (0.3 Hours). Telephone conference with Marvin Morgan on same. (0.3 Hours). Email Alton Hall to clarify settlement proposal in City of Houston rate case. (0.4 Hours). Additional email to Alton Hall on pending settlement offer. (0.2 Hours). Telephone conference with Marvin Morgan on same. (0.3 Hours). Telephone conference with Glenn Nitsch on same. (0.3 Hours). conference with Marvin Morgan on possible settlement with City of Houston. (0.8 Hours). Conference call with City of Houston representatives on settlement. (0.5 Hours). Additional telephone conferences with Alton Hall on possible extension of effective date to allow for further settlement discussions and on postponement of October 5, 2016 hearing. (0.3 Hours). Email to Alton Hall on (0.2 Hours). Receive and review email from Alton Hall with same. counterproposal on rate case (Houston), and review same in detail with Marvin Draft follow-up email to Alton Hall on same. (0.3 Morgan. (0.8 Hours). Hours). Telephone conference with Glenn Nitsch on same. (0.2 Hours).

10/04/16

Receive and review email from Marvin Morgan on possible settlement of rate case in City of Houston, and telephone conference with him on same. (0.4 Hours). Draft email to Alton Hall with counteroffer in rate case at the City of Houston. (0.5 Hours). Additional telephone conference with Marvin Morgan on same. (0.2 Hours). Receive and review additional email from Marvin Morgan on possible settlement, and continue drafting counteroffer to Alton Hall. (0.4 Hours).

10/05/16

Receive, review and respond to email from Alton Hall on review of settlement offers. (0.2 Hours). Telephone conference with Marvin Morgan on same. (0.2 Hours). Receive, review and respond to additional emails from Alton Hall on settlement of rate case, and meet with Marvin Morgan on same. (0.4 Hours).

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10/06/16

Receive, review and respond to email from Alton Hall on possible settlement of City of Houston rate case, and telephone conference with Marvin Morgan on same. (0.4 Hours).

Attorney BF: 9.3 Hours

ALLISON NIX

09/28/16

Receive and review emails from Marvin Morgan in connection with his review of the settlement proposed by the City of Houston. (0.2 Hours). Receive and review email from Glenn Nitsch providing comments from his attendance at last night's public meeting in connection with the City of Houston rate case. (0.2 Hours). Telephone conference with Alisa Talley with the City of Houston wanting to set up conference call with all parties. (0.2 Hours). Receive and review additional emails from Marvin Morgan with his suggested counterproposal to the City of Houston's settlement offer. (0.2 Hours). Receive and review email from Marvin Morgan providing updated rate case expenses for submission to the City of Houston. (0.2 Hours).

09/29/16

Receive and review emails from Alton Hall requesting additional information for the City of Houston's review of the utility's counterproposal. (0.2 Hours). Continue preparation of supplemental responses to City of Houston's Third Set of RFIs providing updated rate case expenses. (1.0 Hours). Office conference with Marvin Morgan for verification of supplemental RFI responses to City of Houston. (0.2 Hours). Finalize and send supplemental RFI responses to City of Houston via email and via FedEx. (0.5 Hours).

Legal Assistant AN: 2.9 Hours

Attorney BF: 9.8 Hours @ \$325.00 per hour \$3,185.00 Legal Assistant AN: 11.2 Hours @ \$125.00 per hour \$1,400.00

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CLIENT EXPENSES

908 PUC Photocopies @ \$.20 each \$181.60

61 Color PUC Photocopies @ \$.50 each \$30.50

412 Houston Photocopies @ \$.20 each \$82.40

54 Color Houston Photocopies @ \$.50 each \$27.00

Total Client Expenses \$321.50

TOTAL AMOUNT DUE \$4,906.50

ALLOCATION OF LEGAL FEES AND EXPENSES

PUC Rate Case Filing (0.5 Hours Attorney time @ \$325.00 per hour + 8.3 Hours Legal Assistant time @ \$125.00 per hour + \$212.10 in Client Expenses)

City of Houston Rate Case Filing (9.3 Hours Attorney time @ \$3,494.40 \$325.00 per hour + 2.9 Hours Legal Assistant time @ \$125.00 per hour + \$109.40 in Client Expenses)

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November 15, 2016

Mr. Glenn Nitsch Nitsch & Son Utility Company, Inc. 17414 Spicewood Spring Lane Spring, Texas 77379 **INVOICE # NITSCH111516**

FOR PROFESSIONAL SERVICES RENDERED since the date of last billing in connection with the Nitsch & Son Utility Company, Inc. rate case:

PUC APPLICATION

BILL FLICKINGER

10/28/16	Telephone conference with Marvin Morgan on Fourth Set of RFIs from the PUC on rate case. (0.2 Hours). Telephone conference with Glenn Nitsch on PUC's Fourth RFIs. (0.2 Hours).		
11/14/16	Continue revising responses to PUC Staff's Fourth RFIs in rate case, and meet with Marvin Morgan on same. (1.2 Hours).		
11/15/16	Continue revising responses to the PUC's Fourth RFIs. (0.3 Hours).		
Attorney BF: 1.9 Hours			

ALLISON NIX

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10/07/16	Send copy of the Responses to the PUC's Second Set of RFIs to Glenn Nitsch and Marvin Morgan with cover email. (0.2 Hours).
10/11/16	Receive, review and respond to email from Glenn Nitsch regarding hard copies of documents responsive to the PUC's Second Set of RFIs. (0.2 Hours).
10/14/16	Receive and review email from Marvin Morgan providing his comments responsive to the PUC's Third Set of RFIs. (0.2 Hours). Continue preparation of responses to PUC's Third Set of RFIs. (0.7 Hours).
10/18/16	Send verifications to Glenn Nitsch and Marvin Morgan for signature for inclusion in responses to PUC's Third Set of RFIs. Receive, review and respond to email from Marvin Morgan in connection with same. (0.3 Hours). Continue

preparation of First Supplemental Responses to PUC's First Set of RFIs to update rate case expenses. (0.5 Hours). Office conference with Marvin Morgan for signature on verification for PUC's Third Set of RFIs and the First Supplemental Responses to the PUC's First Set of RFIs. (0.5 Hours).

- Receive, review and respond to emails from Glenn Nitsch providing information responsive to the PUC's Third Set of RFIs. Telephone conference with Glenn Nitsch on same. Continue preparation of responses to PUC's Third Set of RFIs and First Supplemental Responses to PUC's First Set of RFIs. E-file same with the PUC, and proceed to the PUC for submission of required hard copies. (4.3 Hours).
- 10/27/16 Receive and review the PUC's Fourth Set of RFIs, and forward same to Glenn Nitsch and Marvin Morgan for review and comment. Draft and send email to Michael Crnich at the PUC requesting a Word version of the PUC's Fourth Set of RFIs. (0.5 Hours).
- 10/28/16 Receive Word version of PUC's Fourth Set of RFIs from Michael Crnich, and forward same to Marvin Morgan with cover email. (0.2 Hours). Receive and review initial responses to PUC's Fourth Set of RFIs from Marvin Morgan. (0.3 Hours).
- 11/10/16 Receive, review and respond to emails from Glenn Nitsch providing responses to the PUC's Fourth Set of RFIs. (0.4 Hours). Continue preparation of responses to the PUC's Fourth Set of RFIs. (3.7 Hours). Review the PUC's rules for submitting confidential filings. (0.3 Hours).
- 11/11/16 Receive and review copy of email from Marvin Morgan to Glenn Nitsch regarding his initial responses to the PUC's recent set of RFIs. Receive and review email from Glenn Nitsch providing an Excel spreadsheet for inclusion with responses to the PUC's Fourth Set of RFIs. (0.3 Hours). Continue preparation of responses to the PUC's Fourth Set of RFIs. (0.4 Hours). Draft and send email to Marvin Morgan to set up conference for signing of his verification for PUC RFI responses. (0.2 Hours). Draft and send email to Glenn Nitsch requesting cleaner copy of a response to the PUC's RFIs. (0.2 Hours).
- Telephone conference with Marvin Morgan regarding an office conference this afternoon. (0.2 Hours). Continue preparation of responses to the PUC's Fourth Set of RFIs. Draft and send email to Glenn Nitsch providing verification for signature. (2.9 Hours). Office conference with Marvin Morgan in connection with PUC RFI responses. (0.5 Hours).

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Receive and review email from Glenn Nitsch providing revised answer to an RFI response and signed verification. Receive and review emails from Marvin Morgan and Glenn Nitsch on same. Continue preparation of responses to the PUC's Fourth Set of RFIs, and arrange for electronic filing of same with the PUC. Proceed to the PUC for submission of hard copies of same. (4.8 Hours).

Legal Assistant AN: 21.8 Hours

CITY OF HOUSTON APPLICATION

BILL FLICKINGER

- Telephone conferences with Marvin Morgan on latest offer from the City of Houston. (0.4 Hours). Send email to Alton Hall with settlement offer prepared by Marvin Morgan, receive and review his response, and send follow-up email to Alton Hall. (0.3 Hours). Telephone conference with Alton Hall on settlement negotiations with City of Houston. (0.2 Hours). Receive and review email from him on same. (0.2 Hours). Telephone conferences with Marvin Morgan on same. (0.2 Hours). Send email to Alton Hall accepting City of Houston's last offer. (0.2 Hours). Receive, review and respond to email from YuShan Chang on cancellation of October 26 hearing. (0.2 Hours).
- 10/11/16 Telephone conference with Alton Hall on status of settlement agreement. (0.2 Hours).
- 10/12/16 Receive and begin review of draft settlement from Alton Hall in connection with City of Houston case. (0.3 Hours). Draft email to Marvin Morgan and Glenn Nitsch on same. (0.2 Hours). Draft preliminary response to Alton Hall on same. (0.2 Hours).
- 10/13/16 Continue review of draft settlement sent by Alton Hall in connection with City of Houston rate case. (0.3 Hours). Telephone conference with Marvin Morgan on same. (0.2 Hours). Receive and review emails from Glenn Nitsch and Marvin Morgan on same. (0.4 Hours).
- 10/14/16 Telephone conference with Glenn Nitsch on status of settlement draft. (0.2 Hours). Send email to Alton Hall with preliminary comments to his draft settlement. (0.5 Hours).
- 10/16/16 Send email to Marvin Morgan on revisions to tariff sheets in Houston rate case settlement. (0.3 Hours).

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10/17/16 Receive, review and respond to email from Alton Hall on settlement with City of Houston. (0.9 Hours). Receive, review and respond to follow-up emails from Alton Hall on same. (0.5 Hours).

Receive and review additional emails from Marvin Morgan and Glenn Nitsch on settlement with City of Houston. (0.4 Hours). Telephone conference with Marvin Morgan on same. (0.2 Hours). Send email to Alton Hall on settlement with City of Houston, and receive and review his response. (0.3 Hours). Receive, review and respond to emails from YuShan Chang with the City of Houston on revised version of settlement with the City of Houston. (0.5 Hours). Receive and review email from Marvin Morgan on same. (0.2 Hours). Email final version of settlement with the City of Houston to Glenn Nitsch for his signature. (0.2 Hours).

10/19/16 Send email to YuShan Chang with copy of final settlement signed by Glenn Nitsch. (0.2 Hours).

Attorney BF: 7.9 Hours

ALLISON NIX

10/07/16 Receive and review email from Marvin Morgan providing updated rate case expenses for use in negotiations with the City of Houston. (0.2 Hours). Continue drafting supplemental responses to the City of Houston to provide a copy of Responses to the PUC's Second Set of RFIs and updated rate case expenses. (0.9 Hours).

10/14/16 Receive and review emails from Glenn Nitsch and Marvin Morgan in connection with the settlement agreement with the City of Houston. (0.2 Hours).

11/08/16 Review Houston City Council's agenda for tomorrow in connection with settlement of rate case. Forward agenda to Glenn Nitsch and Marvin Morgan for their information. (0.3 Hours).

Draft and send email to YuShan Chang requesting confirmation of the City's approval of the rate case settlement agreement. (0.2 Hours).

11/11/16 Receive and review email from YuShan Chang confirming the City of Houston accepted the settlement agreement in connection with the rate case. (0.2 Hours).

Legal Assistant AN: 2.0 Hours

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Attorney BF: 9.8 Hours @ \$325.00 per hour \$3,185.00 Legal Assistant AN: 23.8 Hours @ \$125.00 per hour \$2,975.00

CLIENT EXPENSES

1,408 PUC Photocopies @ \$.20 each \$281.60

104 Color PUC Photocopies @ \$.50 each \$52.00

330 Houston Photocopies @ \$.20 each \$66.00

260 Color Houston Photocopies @ \$.50 each \$130.00

FedEx (Houston rate case) \$55.24

Total Client Expenses \$584.84

TOTAL AMOUNT DUE \$6,744.84

ALLOCATION OF LEGAL FEES AND EXPENSES

PUC Rate Case Filing (1.9 Hours Attorney time @ \$325.00 per hour + 21.8 Hours Legal Assistant time @ \$125.00 per hour + \$333.60 in Client Expenses)

City of Houston Rate Case Filing (7.9 Hours Attorney time @ \$3,068.74 \$325.00 per hour + 2.0 Hours Legal Assistant time @ \$125.00 per hour + \$251.24 in Client Expenses)

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