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PUBLIC UTILITY COMMISSIO FILING CLERK

July 28, 2016

Public Utility Commission of Texas Water Supply Division 1701 N. Congress, Suite 8-100 Austin, Texas 78701

Re:

Woodland Oaks Utility Company, Inc. Water CCN 12947

San Jacinto River Authority Groundwater Reduction Plan Increase

Dear PUC:

Please find enclosed correspondence from the San Jacinto River Authority indicating an increase in the groundwater reduction plan fee effective September 1, 2016. This increase will affect the customers in the Woodland Oaks Subdivision, as well as some commercial customers in the service area. Fees will be increasing from \$2.32/1,000 gallons to \$2.50/1,000 gallons (plus an additional \$0.01/1,000 gallons due to minor line loss). See the attached explanation of how the fee was calculated. Also enclosed are a spreadsheet indicating water pumped vs. water sold for the last 12 months, the notice to the customers of Woodland Oaks Utility Co. that was included with the bills that were mailed on July 28, 2016, and the current tariff.

This letter represents the formal request by Woodland Oaks Utility Company, Inc. to pass through the additional fees being charged by the San Jacinto River Authority to its customers effective September 1, 2016.

If you have any questions or need further information, please let me know.

Sincerely,

Sincerely yours,

Sincerely,

WATERENGINEERS, INC.

Shelley Young, P.E.

Encl: As noted

Detailed Explanation for the Calculation of the SJRA Pass-Through Gallonage Rate Adjustment

Woodland Oaks Utility Company, Inc. Water Tariff Fee Pass-Through Calculation for San Jacinto River Authority (SJRA) Groundwater Reduction Plan (GRP) Water Gallonage Charge is:

$$AG = G + B/(1-L)$$

Where:

AG = adjusted Gallonage charge, rounded to the nearest cent for SJRA GRP fee increase

G = Approved gallonage charge (per 1,000 gallons) for SJRA GRP fee

B = change in district gallonage charge (per 1,000 gallons) for SJRA GRP fee

L = system average line loss for the preceding 12 months not to exceed 0.15

And:

G = \$2.32/1,000 gallons

B = \$0.18/1,000 gallons

L = 6% or 0.06 for system average line loss (see following spreadsheet)

Therefore:

AG = \$2.32 + \$0.18/(1-0.06) = \$2.51/1,000 gallons



San Jacinto River Authority

Notice of Amended Rate Order for GRP Participants

June 23, 2016

Dear GRP Participant:

On June 20, 2016 the GRP Review Committee voted to recommend adoption of an amended GRP Rate Order. On June 23, 2016, the San Jacinto River Authority's (SJRA) Board of Directors adopted the amended GRP Rate Order as recommended. The amended GRP Rate Order is available on SJRA's website at www.SJRA.net/GRP under the "GRP Participant Info" tab. We recommend that you review and become familiar with the amended GRP Rate Order.

Please note the following provisions of the amended GRP Rate Order:

- Effective as of June 23, 2016, monthly water usage reports are due ten (10) days after the close of the calendar month. This will provide SJRA more timely data regarding Participant water usage. The due date for payment of Pumpage Fees, Import Fees and Surface Water Fees has not changed; payment will still be due forty-eight (48) days after the close of the calendar month. For example, water usage measured during June, 2016, must be reported by July 10, 2016, and payment of any associated Fees will be due on August 18, 2016; water usage measured during July, 2016, must be reported by August 10, 2016, and payment of any associated Fees will be due on September 18, 2016; etc.
- Effective as of <u>September 1, 2016</u>, the Pumpage Fee and Import Fee will increase from the current rate of \$2.32/1,000 gallons to \$2.50/1,000 gallons, and the Surface Water Fee will increase from the current rate of \$2.51/1,000 gallons to \$2.69/1,000 gallons. These fees generate the revenues necessary to pay for the operation and maintenance of the GRP facilities and to fund debt service and reserve accounts. SJRA strives at all times to manage the costs of implementation of the GRP so that the lowest responsible fees are adopted.

If you have any questions about the amended GRP Rate Order or would like to receive a paper copy of same, please feel free to contact GRP Division staff by telephone at (936) 588-1662.

Sincerely,

GRP Administrator

San Jacinto River Authority

WOODLAND OAKS UTILITY COMPANY WATER ACCOUNTABILITY REPORT

Gallons Pumped & Gallons Billed for the Preceding 12 Months

June 2015 - May 2016

	Gallons	Gallons	Accountability	
Month	Pumped	Billed	Percent	
Jun-15	7,681,000	7,047,980	92%	
Jul-15	10,412,000	11,520,800	111%	
Aug-15	13,826,000	12,738,500	92%	
Sep-15	9,932,000	9,155,020	92%	
Oct-15	10,208,000	9,301,000	91%	
Nov-15	7,238,000	6,666,600	92%	
Dec-15	6,369,000	6,085,480	96%	
Jan-16	6,093,000	5,633,000	92%	
Feb-16	7,008,000	6,902,200	98%	
Mar-16	8,799,000	6,828,100	78%	
Apr-16	8,180,000	8,116,900	99%	
May-16	7,948,000	7,649,900	96%	
TOTAL	103,694,000	97,645,480	94%	

Based on preceding 12 Month History, Accountability is 94% and Line Loss (L) is 6% or 0.06

Dear Woodland Oaks Utility Customer:

We received notice from San Jacinto River Authority (SJRA) regarding an increase in their "Pass Through" pumpage fee they are charging as part of the county-wide Groundwater Reduction Plan required by the Lone Star Groundwater Conservation District, effective September 1, 2016. As a result, you will see the SJRA fee increased from \$2.32/1,000 gallons to \$2.50/1,000 gallons with a 6% line loss effective September 1, 2016.

$$(AG=\$2.32+\$0.18/(1-.06) = \$2.51/1,000 \text{ gallons})$$

If you have any questions regarding the process mentioned above, or the assessed fees by the SJRA, you may learn more by going to the SJRA website: www.sjra.net or contacting them at: San Jacinto River Authority, PO Box 329, Conroe, Texas 77305.

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WATER UTILITY TARIFF Docket Number: 45015

Woodland Oaks Utility Company, Inc. (Utility Name)

P.O. Box 247 (Business Address)

Conroe, Texas 77305 (City, State, Zip Code)

(936)539-1232 (Area Code/Telephone)

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

12947

This tariff is effective in the following county:

Montgomery

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:

Woodland Oaks and Forest West (PWS #1700648)

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APPENDIX A -- SAMPLE SERVICE AGREEMENT

SECTION 1.0 - RATE SCHEDULE

Monthly Minimum Charges

(includes 0 gallons)

Residential	Effective 5/26/2012 \$36.28		
Meter Size			
5/8" x ¾"			
3/4"	\$54.42		
1"	\$90.70		
1 1/2"	\$181.40		
2"	\$290.24		
3"	\$544.20		
4"	\$1,088.40		

Commercial customers are required to have a minimum 1" meter connection.

Gallonage Charge per 1,000 gallons from 0 to 10,000 gallons

\$2.58 \$3.33 per 1,000 gallons from 10,001 gallons thereafter

Pass Through Fees:

In addition to the gallonage charge, the Lone Star Groundwater Conservation District (LSGCD) Pumpage fee of \$0.07 per 1,000 gallons used will be charged to all ratepayers within the boundaries of LSGCD.

In addition to the gallonage charge, the San Jacinto River Authority (SJRA) Groundwater Reduction Plan fee of \$2.33 per 1,000 gallons used will be charged to all ratepayers affected by the SJRA Groundwater Reduction Plan. [SJRA GRP increase in pass-through from \$2.25/1000 gallons to \$2.32/1000 gallons with a 1.55% line loss effective September 1, 2015. (AG=2.25+\$.07/(1-.0155) = \$2.33/1000 gallons).]

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

PUC RULES REQUIRE THE UTILITY TO COLLECT A FEE OF ONE PERCENT OF THE RETAIL MONTHLY BILL AND REMIT THE FEE TO THE TEXAS COMMISSION ON ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY (TCEQ).

TAP FEE\$500.00 (Residential)

\$1,000.00 (Commercial) 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.

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SECTION 1.0 - RATE SCHEDULE (CONTINUED)

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Section 1.02 - Miscellaneous rees
TAP FEE (UNIQUE COSTS)
TAP FEE (Large meter)
METER RELOCATION FEE ACTUAL COST TO RELOCATE METER 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.
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) Nonpayment of bill (Maximum \$25.00)
TRANSFER FEE
LATE CHARGE (EITHER \$5.00 OR 10% OF THE BILL)
RETURNED CHECK CHARGE\$30.00 RETURNED CHECK CHARGES MUST BE BASED ON THE UTILITY'S DOCUMENTABLE COST.
CUSTOMER DEPOSIT RESIDENTIAL (Maximum \$50)
COMMERCIAL & NON-RESIDENTIAL DEPOSIT 1/6TH OF ESTIMATED ANNUAL BILL

SECTION 1.0 - RATE SCHEDULE (CONTINUED)

GOVERNMENTAL TESTING, INSPECTION AND COSTS SURCHARGE 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. [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.

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

AG = G+B/(1-L)

Where:

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

approved gallonage charge (per 1,000 gallons) G

change in purchased water/district gallonage charge (per 1,000 gallons) B

system average line loss for the preceding 12 months not to exceed 0.15

To implement or modify the pass through provision, the utility must comply with all notice and other requirements of 30 TAC 24.21(h).

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