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APPLICATION OF NERRO SUPPLY, LLC FOR PASS-THROUGH RATE	§ 8	PUBLIC UTILITY COMMISSION
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COMMISSION STAFF'S RECOMMENDATION

COMES NOW the Staff ("Staff") of the Public Utility Commission of Texas ("Commission"), representing the public interest, and files this Recommendation.

I. BACKGROUND

On August 8, 2016, Nerro Supply, LLC ("Nerro") filed an application for approval of an increase in a pass-through rate due to an increase in the Pumpage and Import Fee and Surface Water Fee imposed on Nerro by the San Jacinto River Authority ("SJRA"). The increased fee will be effective as of September 1, 2016.²

II. RECOMMENDATION

Staff has reviewed Nerro's application and, consistent with the attached memorandum of Patricia Garcia, Water Utilities Division, Staff recommends that the application is administratively complete, contains the required notice to ratepayers,³ and meets the requirements of 16 TAC § 24.21(h)(4) for amending a pass-through rate. As a result, Staff respectfully requests the entry of an order approving the proposed pass-through rate change.

III. CONCLUSION

Staff respectfully requests the entry of an order consistent with the above discussion.

¹ Application (Aug. 3, 2016) ("Application").

² *Id.* at 2.

³ Application at 3.

Respectfully Submitted,

PUBLIC UTILITY COMMISSION OF TEXAS LEGAL DIVISION

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DOCKET NO. 46259 CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I certify that a copy of this document will be served on all parties of record on September

13, 2016 in accordance with 16 TAC § 22.74.

A.J. Smullen

PUC Interoffice Memorandum

To:

AJ Smullen, Attorney

Legal Division

Thru:

Tammy Benter, Director

Debi Loockerman, Rates Team Lead

Water Utilities Division

From:

Patricia Garcia, Staff Engineer

Water Utilities Division

Date:

August 26, 2016

Subject:

Tariff Control No.46269, Application of Nerro Supply, LLC to Implement a Pass-

Through Rate Change

On August 8, 2016, Nerro Supply, LLC (Nerro), Certificate of Convenience and Necessity (CCN) No. 12252, filed an application pursuant to 16 Tex. Admin. Code § 24.21(h) 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). Nerro listed Riverclub River Ridge Subdivision, Public Water System (PWS) No. 1700185, as the water system affected by the pass through adjustment. Nerro states that the pass-through rate increase will become effective on September 1, 2016. SJRA is increasing the Pumpage Fee and Import Fee from \$2.32/1,000 gallons to \$2.50/1,000 gallons. Nerro requested a pass-through rate of \$2.94.

Staff conducted the technical review of this application and prepared a final tariff reflecting the implementation of the change in the provision. Staff reviewed and confirmed Nerro's calculations of the pass through rate adjustment for the SJRA GRP fee as part of our analysis and recommendation. Adequate notice, including correct calculations, was provided by the Applicant to the customers. The notice contained required language pursuant to 16 Tex. Admin. Code § 24.21(h).

Based upon review of the information submitted, Staff finds that the application is sufficient and recommends:

- 1. Approval of the pass-through change and issuance of an order to the Applicant; and
- 2. Provision of a copy of an approved tariff to the Applicant (attached).



WATER UTILITY TARIFF

Tariff Control Number: 46269

Nerro Supply, LLC (Utility Name)

5900 Westview Dr. (Business Address)

Houston, Texas 77055-5418 (City, State, Zip Code)

(281)355-1312 (Area Code/Telephone)

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

12252

This tariff is effective in the following counties:

Brazos, Burleson, Chambers, Liberty, Montgomery, Robertson and Walker

This tariff is effective in the following cities or unincorporated towns (if any):

City of Beach City

*Bayridge Water system and Oaks at Houston Point are within the city limits of the City of Beach City.

"The rates set or approved by the city for the systems entirely within its corporate boundary are not presented in this tariff. Those rates are not under the original jurisdiction of the PUC and will have to be obtained from the city or utility."

This tariff is effective in the following subdivisions and public water systems:

See attached list.

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The above utility lists the following sections of its tariff (if additional pages are needed for a section, all pages should be numbered consecutively):

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APPENDIX A -- SAMPLE SERVICE AGREEMENT APPENDIX B -- APPLICATION FOR SERVICE

Nerro Supply, LLC

Public Water System/Subdivision 👾 🤼	PWS ID #*	County
Allendale Water System	1700187	Montgomery
*Bayridge Water System	0360028	Chambers
Hillgreen Water Company	1700539	Montgomery
Loch Ness Cove Water System	1700148	Montgomery
Lost Lake	0360108	Chambers
*Oaks at Houston Point	0360126	Chambers
River Club Water Company	1700185	Montgomery
Riverwood Estates	1460146	Montgomery
Woodhaven Estates	1700481	Montgomery
Sam Houston Forest Subdivision	2360078	Walker
Wildwood Shores	2360078	Walker

The following system/subdivisions were transferred from Brazos Valley Septic & Water, Inc., CCN 13094 in Docket No. 43117:

Subdivision	PWS ID Number	County
Apache Hills	0260019	Burleson
Benchly Oaks	0210039	Brazos
Lakeview North	0260010	Burleson
Lakeway Manor	1980017	Robertson
Lakewood Estates	0210042	Brazos
Little Oak Forest	0260037	Burleson
Marshal Oaks	0260010	Burleson
Oak Forest	1980017	Robertson
Smetana Forest	0210010	Brazos
Somerville Place	0260010, 0260021	Burleson
Whispering Woods	0260032	Burleson

SECTION 1.0 -- RATE SCHEDULE

Section 1.01 - Rates

Meter Size	Monthly Minimum Charge	Gallonage Charge
5/8" or 3/4"	\$40.78 (Includes 0 gallons)	\$2.50 per 1000 gallons thereafter
1"	<u>\$101.95</u>	•
11/2	\$203.90	*PLUS
2"	<u>\$326.24</u>	Pass through fees below
3"	<u>\$1,019.50</u>	

Pass Through Fee:

*In addition the gallonage charge will be increased for customers in the Riverclub/River Ridge subdivision for Pass Through fees related to the San Jacinto River Authority (SJRA)

San Jacinto River Authority (SJRA).....*\$2.94 per 1000 gallons (The pass through fees are adjusted for line loss) (Tariff Control No. 44969)

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

Cash \underline{X} , Check \underline{X} , Money Order \underline{X} , Credit Card , Other (specify) THE UTILITY SEPTEMBER REQUIRE EXACT CHANGE FOR PAYMENTS AND SEPTEMBER REFUSE TO ACCEPT PAYMENTS MADE USING MORE THAN \$1.00 IN SMALL COINS. A WRITTEN RECEIPT WILL BE GIVEN FOR CASH PAYMENTS.

Section 1.02 - Miscellaneous Fees

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):

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b)	Customer's request that service be disconnected		• • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • •	. <u>\$50.00</u>
a)	Non payment of bill (Maximum \$25.00)		,	. <u>\$25.00</u>

RETURNED CHECK CHARGE: \$50.00 RETURNED CHECK CHARGES MUST BE BASED ON THE UTILITY'S DOCUMENTABLE COST.

CUSTOMER DEPOSIT RESIDENTIAL (Maximum \$50)\$50.00

COMMERCIAL & NON-RESIDENTIAL DEPOSIT1/6TH OF ESTIMATED ANNUAL BILL

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. [P.U.C. SUBST. R. 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 formula:

AG = G + B/(1-L), where

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

G = approved gallonage charge (per 1,000 gallons);

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

L = system average line loss for preceding 12 months not to exceed 15%

To implement or modify the Purchased Water/Underground Water District Fee, the utility must comply with all notice and other requirements of 16 TAC 24.21 (1).

Sam Houston Forest Subdivision (formerly HUI Enterprises)

SECTION 1.0 -- RATE SCHEDULE

Section 1.01 - Rates

\$1.00 25,001-35,000 gallons \$1.25 35,001 and up

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

Cash X, Check X, Money Order X, Credit Card, Other (specify)

THE UTILITY SEPTEMBER REQUIRE EXACT CHANGE FOR PAYMENTS AND SEPTEMBER REFUSE TO ACCEPT PAYMENTS MADE USING MORE THAN \$1.00 IN SMALL COINS. A WRITTEN RECEIPT WILL BE GIVEN FOR CASH PAYMENTS.

Section 1.02 - Miscellaneous Fees

TAP FEE\$500.00

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.

Sam Houston Forest Subdivision (formerly HUI Enterprises)

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):

SECTION 2.0 OF THIS TARIFF):
a) Non-payment of bill (Maximum \$25.00)
TRANSFER FEE\$10.00
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)
COMMERCIAL & NON-RESIDENTIAL DEPOSIT1/6TH OF ESTIMATED ANNUAL BILL

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. [P.U.C. SUBST. R. 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.

Wildwood Shores (formerly HUI Enterprises)

SECTION 1.0 -- RATE SCHEDULE

Section	า 1.01	- Rates

Meter Size

Monthly Minimum Charge

Gallonage Charge

5/8" or 3/4"

\$20.00 (Includes 10,000 gallons)

\$3.00 per 1000 gallons, 1st 10,000 gallons

\$5.00 per 1000 gallons thereafter

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

Cash X, Check X, Money Order X, Credit Card, Other (specify)

THE UTILITY SEPTEMBER REQUIRE EXACT CHANGE FOR PAYMENTS AND SEPTEMBER REFUSE TO ACCEPT PAYMENTS MADE USING MORE THAN \$1.00 IN SMALL COINS. A WRITTEN RECEIPT WILL BE GIVEN FOR CASH PAYMENTS.

REGULATORY ASSESSMENT1.0%

PUC RULES REQUIRE THE UTILITY TO COLLECT A FEE OF ONE PERCENT OF THE RETAIL MONTHLY BILL AND REMIT THE FEE TO TCEO.

Section 1.02 - Miscellaneous Fees

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.

FOR EXAMPLE, A ROAD BORE FOR CUSTOMERS OUTSIDE OF SUBDIVISIONS OR RESIDENTIAL AREAS.

TAP FEE IS THE UTILITY'S ACTUAL COST FOR MATERIALS AND LABOR FOR METER SIZE INSTALLED.

THIS FEE SEPTEMBER 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 SEPTEMBER 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 SEPTEMBER NOT EXCEED \$25.

Wildwood Shores (formerly HUI Enterprises)

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): TRANSFER FEE \$10.00 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 DEPOSIT1/6TH OF ESTIMATED ANNUAL BILL GOVERNMENTAL TESTING, INSPECTION AND COSTS SURCHARGE: WHEN AUTHORIZED IN WRITING BY PUC AND AFTER NOTICE TO CUSTOMERS, THE UTILITY MAY

[P.U.C. SUBST. R. 24.21(k)(2)]

LINÉ EXTENSION AND CONSTRUCTION CHARGES:

REFER TO SECTION 3.0--EXTENSION POLICY FOR TERMS, CONDITIONS, AND CHARGES WHEN NEW CONSTRUCTION IS NECESSARY TO PROVIDE SERVICE.

INCREASE RATES TO RECOVER INCREASED COSTS FOR INSPECTION FEES AND WATER TESTING.

Formerly under Brazos Valley Septic & Water, Inc. (Apache Hills, Benchly Oaks, Lakeview North, Lakeway Manor, Lakewood Estates, Little Oak Forest, Marshal Oaks, Oak Forest, Smetana Forest, Somerville Place, Whispering Woods)

SECTION 1.0 -- RATE SCHEDULE

Section 1.01 - Rates

Meter Size	Monthly Minimum Charge	Gallonage Charge
5/8" or 3/4"	\$32.58 (Includes 0 gallons)	\$2.00 per 1000 gallons up to 12,000 gallons
ļ" .	<u>\$81.45</u>	\$3.00 per 1000 gallons, 12,001 gallons and up
11/2	<u>\$162.90</u>	
2"	<u>\$260.64</u>	
3"	<u>\$488.70</u>	
4"	<u>\$814.50</u>	
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FORM OF PAYMENT: The utility will accept the following forms of payment:

Cash X , 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 TCEQ.

Section 1.02 - Miscellaneous Fees

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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)	Non-payment	of bill (Ma	aximum	\$25.00)	\$25.00

b) Customer's request that service be disconnected \$45.00

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SECTION 1.0 -- RATE SCHEDULE (Continued)

SEASONAL RECONNECT FEE: Monthly minimum times number of months off the system, maximum 6 months. 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, SERVICE LOCATION WHEN THE SERVICE IS NOT DISCONNECTED RETURNED CHECK CHARGE \$30.00 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 PUC AND AFTER NOTICE TO CUSTOMERS, THE UTILITY MAY INCREASE RATES TO RECOVER INCREASED COSTS FOR INSPECTION FEES AND WATER TESTING [P.U.C. SUBST. R. 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/ UNDERGROUND WATER DISTRICT FEE PASS THROUGH CLAUSE:

Changes in fees imposed by any wholesale water supplier and/or any ground water district having jurisdiction over the Utility shall be passed through as an adjustment to the water gallonage charge according to the formula:

AG = G + B/(1-L), where:

AG = adjusted gallonage charge, rounded to nearest one cent

G = approved per 1,000 gallon gallonage charge

B = change in district fee (per 1,000 gallons)

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

To implement or modify the Purchased Water/ Underground Water District Fee, the utility must comply with all notice and other requirements of 16 TAC 24.21 (h).

Formerly under Brazos Valley Septic & Water, Inc.

SECTION 1.0 -- RATE SCHEDULE (Continued)

TEMPORARY WATER RATE:

Unless otherwise superseded by PUC order or rule, if the Utility is ordered by a court or governmental body of competent jurisdiction to reduce its pumpage, production or water sales, the Utility shall be authorized to increase its gallonage charge according to the formula:

$$TGC = cgc + (prr)(cgc)(r)$$

$$(1.0 - r)$$

Where:

TGC = temporary gallonage charge cgc = current gallonage charge

r = water use reduction expressed as a decimal fraction (the pumping restrictions)
prr = percentage of revenues to be recovered expressed as a decimal fraction (i.e. 100% =1.0), for this tariff, prr shall equal 0.5.

To implement the Temporary Water Rate, the Utility must comply with all notice and other requirements of 16 TAC 24.21(l).