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**Commission Staff – Water Utility Regulation Division**  
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**RE: Tariff Control No. 46372 – *Application of Chuck Bell Water Systems L.L.C. for Approval of a Sampling Fee Surcharge***

### **NOTICE OF APPROVAL**

This Notice addresses the application of Chuck Bell Water Systems L.L.C. for approval of a sampling fee surcharge for water testing that was done in accordance with the Safe Drinking Water Act. The surcharge will affect the Martin Creek Subdivision, public water system #1260122. Chuck Bell plans to charge the sampling fee surcharge in the November 2016 billing cycle for a period of one month only for affected customers.

On October 6, 2016, Commission Staff recommended that the application be deemed sufficient and further that the application be approved, as specified in the pleading and attached memorandum of Jonathan Ramirez of the Commission's Water Utility Regulation Division. Commission Staff recommended approval of Chuck Bell's requested sampling fee surcharge, authorizing Chuck Bell to collect a total sampling fee of \$125.00, \$5.68 for one month in the November 2016 billing cycle for each of the 22 service connections in the Martin Creek Subdivision.

Consistent with Commission Staff's recommendation, Chuck Bell's application is sufficient and it is approved. Chuck Bell may collect a total sampling fee of \$125.00, \$5.68 for one month in the November 2016 billing cycle for each of the 22 service connections in the Martin Creek Subdivision.

Furthermore, the first bill that Chuck Bell sends out that includes the surcharge shall include the following statement: **"A sampling surcharge has been approved by the Public Utility Commission of Texas (PUC) to cover sampling fees incurred by the utility and required by the Safe Drinking Water Act."** Finally, Chuck Bell may not collect more than the total approved amount or refunds may be ordered.

SIGNED AT AUSTIN, TEXAS on the 10<sup>th</sup> day of October 2016.

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SUSAN E. GOODSON  
ADMINISTRATIVE LAW JUDGE