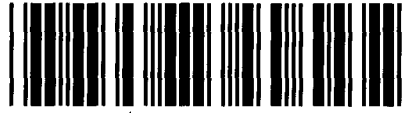




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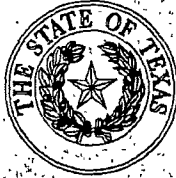
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TO: Danny Cox
Copano Heights Water Company
P.O. Box 627
Fulton, Texas 78358-0627

Commission Staff – Water Utility Regulation Division
Commission Staff – Legal Division

RE: Tariff Control No. 46459 – Application of Copano Heights Water Company for a Pass-Through Rate Change

NOTICE OF APPROVAL

This Notice addresses Copano Heights Water Company's October 21, 2016 application for a pass-through rate increase due to an increase in purchase water fees assessed on the utility by the City of Rockport. The requested rate increase would affect all Copano Heights customers. The requested effective date for the pass-through rate increase was November 12, 2016.

On November 8, 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 a \$0.14 increase per 1,000 gallons to Copano Heights' gallonage charge. At the time Commission Staff filed its recommendation in this proceeding Copano Heights also had a rate change pending in Docket No. 45693, therefore Commission Staff provided two proposed revised tariffs. Commission Staff provided one proposed revised tariff based on the company's then current rates, showing an increase from \$4.17 to \$4.31 per 1,000 gallons, and a second proposed revised tariff based on Commission Staff's recommended rate in Docket No. 45693, showing an increase from \$5.46 to \$5.60 per 1,000 gallons. The new rate recommended by Commission Staff in Docket No. 45693 was approved on November 8, 2016.

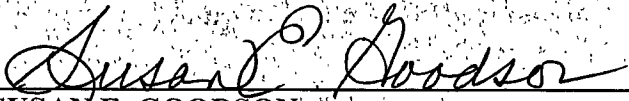


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Consistent with Commission Staff's recommendation, Copano Heights' application is sufficient and it is approved. A new pass through rate of \$5.60 per 1,000 gallons for all of Copano Heights' customers is approved effective November 12, 2016. The approved revised tariff pages are attached to this Notice.

SIGNED AT AUSTIN, TEXAS the 29th day of November 2016.

PUBLIC UTILITY COMMISSION OF TEXAS


SUSAN E. GOODSON
ADMINISTRATIVE LAW JUDGE

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WATER UTILITY TARIFF

Docket Number: 46459

Danny C. Cox, Sr., dba

Copano Heights Water Company

(Utility Name)

Fulton, TX 78358

(City, State, Zip Code)

P.O. Box 627

(Business Address)

361-729-1903

(Area Code/Telephone)

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

11960

This tariff is effective in the following county:

Aransas

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

None

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

Copano Heights Unit 1 & 2, Water System: PWS #0040017

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SECTION 1.0 -- RATE SCHEDULE (Continued)

RECONNECTION FEE\$25.00

THE RECONNECTION 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 (Maximum \$25).....\$25.00
- b) Customer's request that service be disconnected.....\$25.00

TRANSFER FEE\$25.00

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LATE CHARGE (EITHER \$5.00 OR 10% OF THE BILL).....\$5.00

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RETURNED CHECK CHARGE\$25.00

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CUSTOMER DEPOSIT RETURNED CHECK CHARGE\$25.00

COMMERCIAL & NON-RESIDENTIAL DEPOSIT1/6 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. [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 formula:

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SECTION 1.0 -- RATE SCHEDULE

Section 1.01 - Rates

<u>Meter Size:</u>	<u>Monthly Minimum Charge</u>	<u>Gallonge Charge</u>
5/8" or 3/4"	\$31.91 (including 0 gallons)	\$5.60* per 1,000 gallons
3/4"	\$47.87	
1"	\$79.78	
1 1/2"	\$159.55	
2"	\$255.28	
3"	\$478.65	
4"	\$797.75	

*The above gallonge rate includes an increase of \$0.14 from \$5.46 to \$5.60 per 1,000 gallons for purchased water from the City of Rockport, including adjusted for 8.75% water loss. (Docket No. 46459)

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.

REGULATORY ASSESSMENT 1.0%

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

Section 1.02 - Miscellaneous Fee

TAP FEE \$950.00

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.

TAP FEE(Unique Costs)..... Actual Cost

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

TAP FEE(Large Meter)..... Actual Cost

TAP FEE COVERS THE UTILITY'S COSTS FOR MATERIALS AND LABOR FOR THE METER INSTALLED.

METER RELOCATION FEE Actual Cost, 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

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