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# Via Hand Delivery

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Mr. Kennedy Meier PUCT Legal Division 1701 N. Congress Ave. PO Box 13326 Austin, TX 78711-3326 **4 G** 

**4049**; Deer Creek Ranch Water Company, LLC (the "Utility"); Notice of WTCPUA Rate Increase of Pass Through Costs for Purchased Water

Dear Kennedy:

Re:

I am writing to inform the Public Utility Commission of Texas of an increase in pass through charges that will increase water rates for the above-referenced utility. Please consider this notice under PUC R. 24.21(h)(4) and the previously approved pass through provision in the Utility's existing tariff.

The Utility mailed the attached notice to customers in the form of a billing insert, which I have enclosed. The customer notice contained the effective date of the change, the present calculation of customer billings, the new calculation of customer billings, and the change in charges to the utility for purchased water. The notice included the required language regarding the tariff change due to the WTCPUA increase in cost for treated water.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to call.

Sincerely,

Randall B. Wilburn

Attachments

# NOTICE OF WTCPUA WATR RATE INCREASE

# DEER CREEK RANCH WATER COMPANY, LLC

PO BOX 436 Dripping Springs TX 78620-0436 Phone 512-894-3322

Due to the actions of the WTCPUA Board of Directors, the WTCPUA is changing your water rates again. The utility is implementing this tariff change in accordance with the utility's approved purchased water adjustment clause to recognize revisions in the cost of purchased water. The cost of these charges to customers will not exceed the revised cost of purchased water. The WTCPUA Board approved a decrease in the gallonage charge for wholesale water to \$1.64/1,000 gals. and increased the monthly base fee to \$8,110.75 The new calculation for the surface water charges is as follows:

Purchased Water Rate = [WTCPUA Treated Water Charge + LCRA Raw Water Charge\*\*]/(1-0.15)

Old Purchased Water Rate	= [\$1.\$1* + \$0.5371]/0.85 = \$2.76/1,000 gallons
New Purchased Water Rate	= [\$1.64 + \$0.2225]/0.85 = \$2.19/1,000 gallons

The WTCPUA Board also raised the base minimum charge to \$8,110.75, which increases the total WTCPUA Base Charges to \$12,277.42/number of active customers/per month. The calculation follows:

WTCPUA Base Charges = (\$50,000.00/12 months Annual Fee + \$8,110.75 mo. min. charge) = \$12,277.42

All other charges remain unchanged. For any questions regarding the WTCPUA charges to Deer Creek Ranch Water Co., LLC, please contact the WTCPUA General Manager at 512-473-3200.

#### Water Rates effective October 1, 2016

Usage	Deer Creek Water	WTCPUA/LCRA	TOTAL
0-2,000 gals	\$2.00/1,000 gals	\$2.19/1,000 gals	\$4.19/1,000 gals
2,001-4,000 gals	\$4.00/1,000 gals	\$2.19/1,000 gals	\$6.19/1,000 gals
4,001 -6.000 gals	\$5.00/1,000 gals	\$2.19/1,000 gals	\$7.19/1,000 gals
> 6,000 gals	\$6.25/1,000 gals	\$2.19/1,000 gals	\$8.44/ 1,000 gals

Deer Creek Base Rate = \$44.00

WTCPUA Base Charges = \$12,277.42 per month/number of active customers

LCRA PT True Up =TOTAL LCRA Reservation Fee/number of active customers/12

\*\*The Public Utility Commission of Texas has revised the methodology for calculating the pass through volume charge by decreasing the LCRA volume charge by the amount of each gallon included in the TOTAL LCRA Reservation Fee. As per the PUC revision and LCRA billing practices, Deer Creek will now charge the TOTAL LCRA Reservation Fee divided by 12 and by the number of active customers.

# WEST TRAVIS COUNTY PUBLIC UTILITY AGENCY



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August 29, 2016

Mr. Sam Hammett P.O. Box 436 Dripping Springs, Texas 78620

# RE: Notice of Adjustment to Wholesale Rate for Deer Creek Ranch

Dear Mr. Hammett:

This notice is to advise you that on August 18, 2016, the Board of Directors of the West Travis County Public Utility Agency (the "WTCPUA"), in accordance with your wholesale water contract, approved an adjustment to Deer Creek Ranch's wholesale rate. Your revised wholesale water rate approved by the WTCPUA is as follows:

Minimum Charge: \$8,110.75 Volumetric Rate: \$1.64/1,000 gallons

# This revised wholesale rate will be effective October 1, 2016.

If you have any questions regarding this matter, please do not hesitate to contact me at (512) 263-0100 or rpugh@wtcpua.org.

Sincerely, Rebut f

Robert Pugh WTCPUA General Manager

cc: Stefanie Albright, WTCPUA General Counsel Larry Fox, Ph.D., President WTCPUA Jennifer Reichers, WTCPUA Program Manager