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DOCKET NO. 46556
ORDER NO. 7

RESPONSE LETTER

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UPDATED RATE SCHEDULES

FOR:

RIVERSIDE WASTEWATER TREATMENT PLANT
BRAZOS COUNTY, TEXAS

CCN NO: 20740

JULY 2017

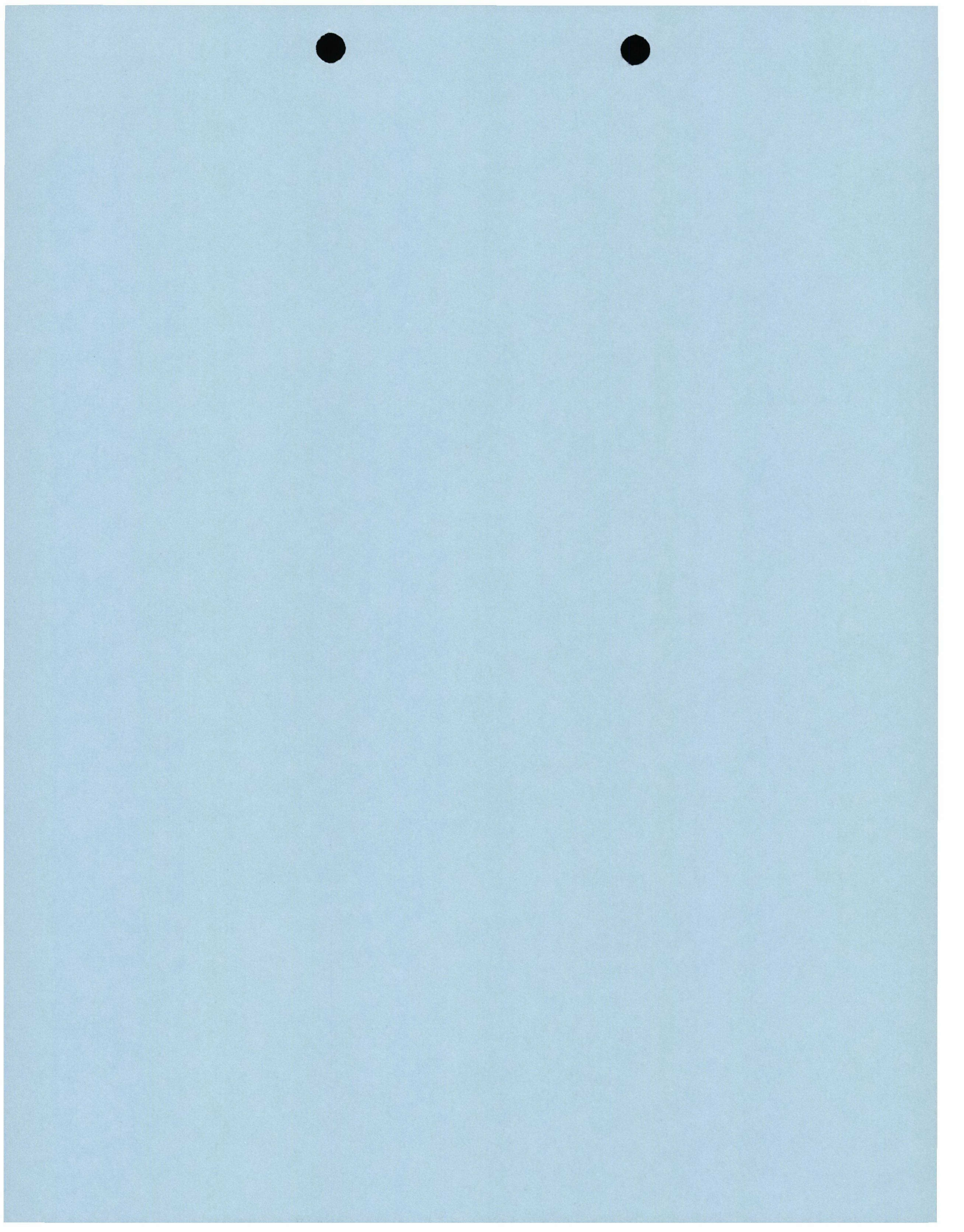
Prepared For:

Riverside Wastewater Treatment Plant
475 Higgs St., Suite B
Bryan, Texas 77807

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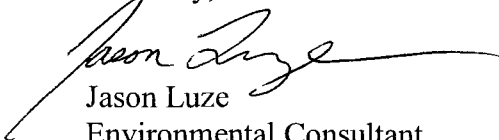
Re: DOCKET NO. 46556
PUBLIC UTILITY COMMISSION OF TEXAS ORDER NO. 4
TO RIVERSIDE WASTE WATER TREATMENT PLANT

Letter of Transmittal

This letter of transmittal accompanies an updated Class B Customer Notice, which is being submitted in response to Order No. 7. This Order granted the PUC Staff's request for a deadline extension which would allow additional time for Riverside Waste Water Treatment Plant to file an appropriately revised Customer Notice form. This notice has been provided to the customers of the River Side WWTP and is being submitted in a timely manner as required by Order No. 7. Please find this updated form included within Attachment 1. A completed and notarized affidavit for the notice described above is included within the same Attachment 1. A supplemental cover letter provided as notification to River Side WWTP's customer is included as Attachment 2. The most recent order for Docket No. 46556 (Order No. 7) is included within Attachment 3.

Should you have any questions regarding this letter or the attached document, please contact Source Environmental Sciences, Inc. by phone at (713) 621-4474.

Sincerely,



Jason Luze
Environmental Consultant
Source Environmental Sciences, Inc.
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jason@source-environmental.com



ATTACHMENT 1

PUC FORM for CLASS B CUSTOMER NOTICE

NOTICE OF PROPOSED RATE CHANGE
TO BE PROVIDED TO CUSTOMERS
PURSUANT TO TEX. WATER CODE § 13.1871



AFFIDAVIT

STATE OF TEXAS

COUNTY OF

Brazos

I, Zain Hyder being duly sworn, file this **NOTICE OF
PROPOSED RATE CHANGE**
as _____ Manager

(indicate relationship to Utility, that is, owner, member of partnership, title as officer of corporation, or other authorized representative of Utility); that, in such capacity, I am qualified and authorized to file and verify such NOTICE; and that all statements made and matters set forth herein are true and correct.

I further represent that a copy of the attached NOTICE was provided
by _____

door notice & mail

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to each customer or other affected party on or about

July 21

, 20 17

[Signature]
AFFIANT

(Utility's Authorized Representative)

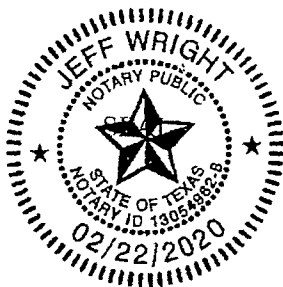
River Side Waste Water Treatment Plant

NAME OF UTILITY

If the Affiant to this form is any person other than the sole owner, partner, officer of the Utility, or its attorney, a properly verified Power of Attorney must be enclosed.

SUBSCRIBED AND SWORN TO BEFORE ME,

this the 22nd day of July, 20 17, to certify
which witness my hand and seal of office.



Jeff Wright
NOTARY PUBLIC IN AND FOR THE
STATE OF TEXAS

Jeff Wright
PRINT OR TYPE NAME OF NOTARY

MY COMMISSION EXPIRES

02/22/2020



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River Side WWTP

20740

Company Name

CCN Number(s)

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(must be at least 35 days after notice is provided to customers and 35 days after application is filed)

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Subdivision(s) or System(s) Affected by Rate Change

475 Higgs St.	Bryan	Texas	77807
Company Address	City	State	Zip

(979) 823-4952

Company Phone Number

58,212.00

Annual Revenue Increase

Date Notice Delivered

Not Applicable

Date of Last Rate Change

Date Meters Typically Read

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P.U.C. DOCKET NO. 46566

RATEPAYER PROTEST

If you wish to PROTEST the proposed rate change, you must submit this form and 10 copies to:

Filing Clerk
Public Utility Commission of Texas
1701 North Congress Avenue
P.O. Box 13326
Austin, Texas 78711-3326

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CUSTOMER INFORMATION (to be completed by customers submitting protests)

First Name: _____ Last Name: _____

Phone Number: _____ Fax Number: _____

Address, City, State: _____

Location where service is received: _____

(if different from the mailing address)

Please fill out the following:

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				(Maximum - \$25.00)		\$	
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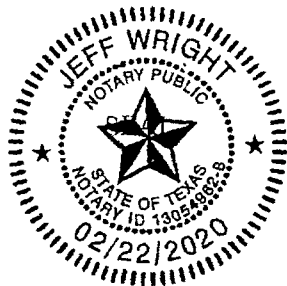
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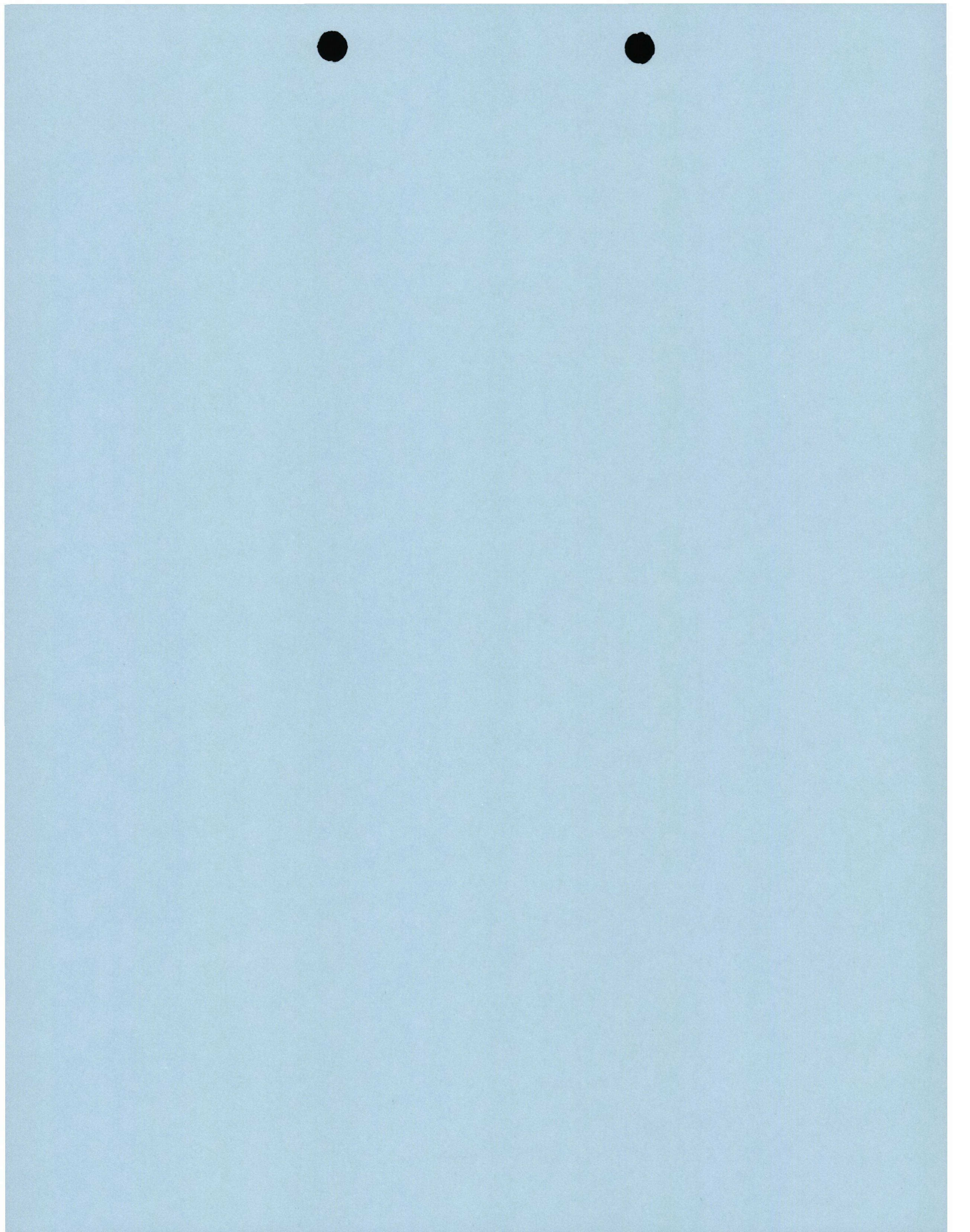
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ATTACHMENT 2

LETTER OF TRANSMITTAL ACCOMPANYING CUSTOMER'S NOTICE



Riverside Waste Water Treatment Plant (RWWTP)
475 Higgs – Bryan Texas 77807 (Physical Location)
6148 Leonard Road – Bryan Texas 77807 (Office)
(979) 823-4952

July 21, 2017

Sent Via: Mail & Door Posting

Tenant at
5695 Meg
Bryan, TX 77807

RE: RATE CHANGE FOR SEWER SERVICES

Dear Tenant:

This letter is a notice and update regarding a proposed increase in sewer charges currently under review by the Texas Public Utilities Commission. Please note that the standard rate for sewer charges being charged to you by Riverside Waste Water Treatment Plant (RWWTP) has been well below market and city rates for years. We have maintained our rates of \$20.20, while city rates have increased to over \$55.00 per customer in some cases.

In 2013, we installed a new plant and facility to service the area at our own cost due to the system needing many upgrades and renovations. In order to cover the costs of operating the new facility and maintaining it to the standards required to serve the area, we have applied for a sewer rate increase with the State of Texas. This application is still under consideration, but we have been given a preliminary approval to increase our fees up to \$78.04 per customer (instead of \$20.20). **We understand that an increase like this is very tough on a user so we are not going to ask for that much from you. Although an increase of our rate to \$78.04 is within the state's limits for full recovery of our cost of operations, we are only increasing our rates to \$52.00 per existing customer user. This smaller increase is still well below the market city rates in the area.**

Based on legal direction from the Public Utility Commission's staff, Existing Customers and New move-ins to the serviced area must be charged at the same rate. As such, New move-ins to the serviced area will also be charged \$52.00 (still well below what our increased rate is for, pending state approval). **Existing users, such as yourself, must be billed at the same rate as new customers and will be charged \$52.00.** To appropriately update customers on the below proposed charges, the new charges for sewer services will take effect on August 29, 2017.

To Summarize, your new monthly charges for sewer services starting August 29, 2017:

Existing Users of Riverside Waste Water Treatment Plant (You):	\$52.00
New Users (People moving in to the area serviced by the plant that don't already live here):	\$52.00

Your account will be charged \$52.00 per month for sewer starting on August 29, 2017. Please make all payments being submitted on or after that date to RWWTP at the above noted office address.

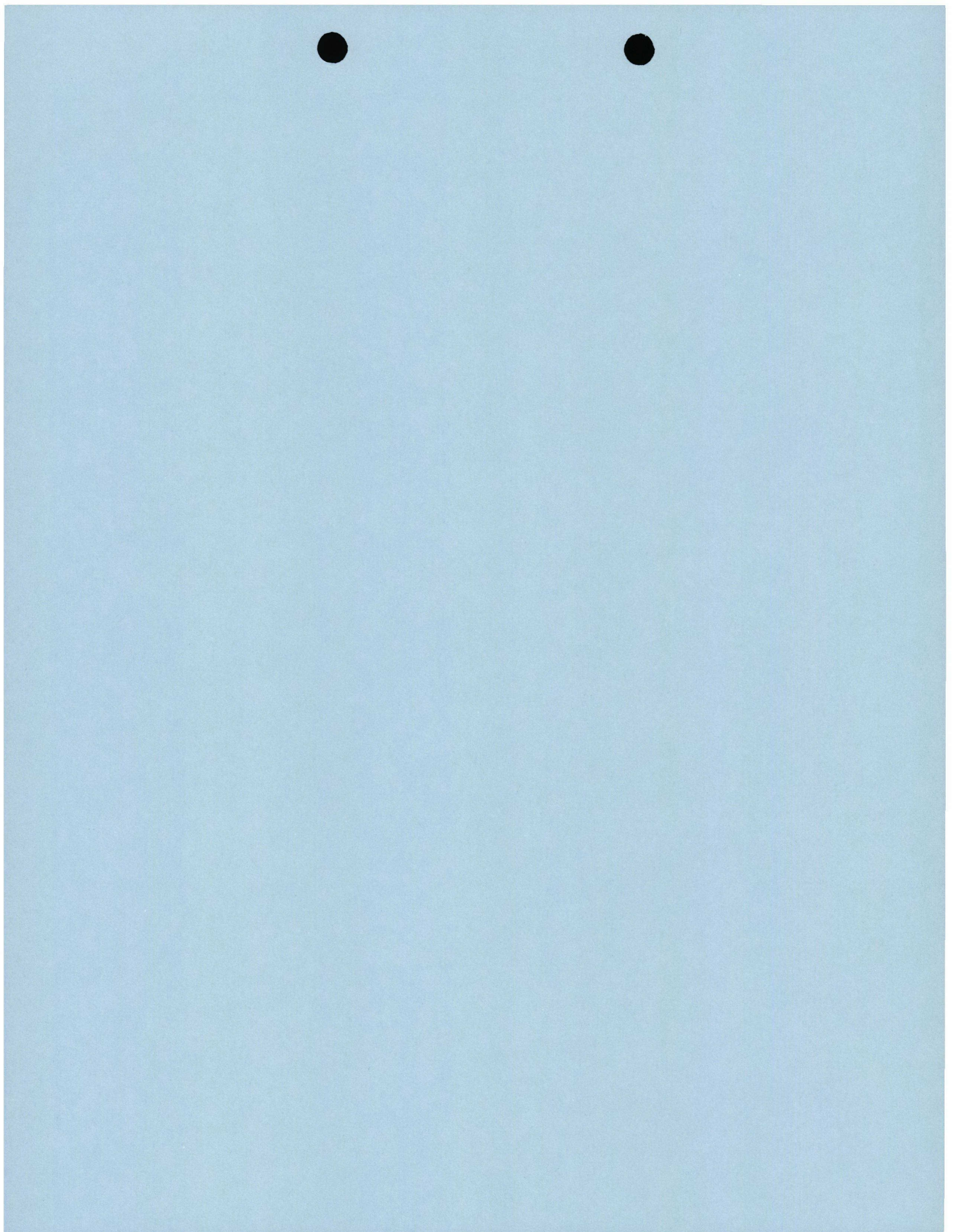
Thank you for your cooperation,

Riverside Waste Water Treatment Plant (RWWTP)



ATTACHMENT 3

DOCKET NO. 46556 – ORDER NO. 7



DOCKET NO. 46556

APPLICATION OF RIVERSIDE	§	PUBLIC UTILITY COMMISSION
WASTE WATER TREATMENT	§	
PLANT FOR AUTHORITY TO	§	OF TEXAS
CHANGE RATES	§	

ORDER NO. 7
GRANTING EXTENSION AND
ESTABLISHING DEADLINES

This Order addresses Commission Staff's request to extend the deadline to file a supplemental recommendation on administrative completeness. Commission Staff stated that additional time was needed for Riverside Waste Water Treatment Plant to file a revised proposed notice form. Commission Staff requested the deadline be extended to July 28, 2017.

For the foregoing reason, Commission Staff's request is granted. Commission Staff shall file comments on the administrative completeness of the petition, how the petition should be processed, and propose a procedural schedule by July 28, 2017.

Signed at Austin, Texas the _____ day of July 2017.

PUBLIC UTILITY COMMISSION OF TEXAS

JEFFREY J. HUIEN
ADMINISTRATIVE LAW JUDGE



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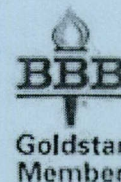
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