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SURCHARGE COLLECTION	§	PUBLIC UTILITY COMMISSION
REPORT RELATED TO DOCKET NO.	§	
45248 (RATEPAYERS' APPEAL OF	§	OF TEXAS
THE DECISION BY THE CITY OF	§	
FRITCH TO CHANGE RATES)	§	

COMMISSION STAFF'S RECOMMENDATION

This filing relates to the City of Fritch's compliance filings in this docket on July 26, 2017, July 6, 2018, July 10, 2018, and January 15, 2020, in accordance with the Commission's Order in Docket No. 45248 (the Commission's Order).¹ In the Commission's Order, the Commission approved Fritch's water rates, ordered Fritch to issue a credit of \$2.20 per month to ratepayers receiving service outside the city limits for a period of 12 months, authorized Fritch to collect rate-case expenses in the amount of \$54,440.63 via a monthly surcharge of \$1.31 per meter for 36 months, and ordered Fritch to file reports in this docket, showing the amount of rate-case expenses recovered and the balance to be recovered.

On November 22, 2022, the administrative law judge (ALJ) filed Order No. 4, setting a deadline of December 6, 2022 for the Staff (Staff) of the Public Utility Commission (Commission) to provide a recommendation on the sufficiency of Fritch's filings and propose a procedural schedule for further processing, if appropriate.

I. RECOMMENDATION

Staff has reviewed Fritch's filings and as detailed in the attached memorandum of Heidi Graham of the Infrastructure Division, recommends that the filings be found sufficient. Additionally, Staff recommends that the docket should be closed, if appropriate.

II. CONCLUSION

For the reasons discussed above, Staff respectfully requests the entry of an order consistent with the above recommendation.

¹ *Ratepayers Appeal of the Decision by the City of Fritch to Change Rates*, Docket No. 45248, Final Order (Dec. 1, 2016).

Dated: December 12, 2022

Respectfully Submitted,

**PUBLIC UTILITY COMMISSION OF TEXAS
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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE**

I certify that, unless otherwise ordered by the presiding officer, notice of the filing of this document was provided to all parties of record via electronic mail on December 12, 2022, in accordance with the Order Suspending Rules, issued in Project No. 50664.

/s/ Arnett D. Caviel

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Public Utility Commission of Texas

Memorandum

TO: Arnett Caviel, Attorney
Legal Division

FROM: Heidi Graham, Lead Engineering Specialist
Infrastructure Division

DATE: December 12, 2022

RE: Docket No. 46563 – *Surcharge Collection Report Related to Docket No. 45248 (Ratepayers' Appeal of the Decision by the City of Fritch to Change Rates)*

On November 21, 2022, the City of Fritch (City) filed its final report in compliance with Docket No. 45248.¹ The purpose of the City's response was to show the total amount that it refunded to customers and the balance remaining to be refunded, as previously ordered by the Commission.

According to the final report, the Commission approved recovery of \$54,440.63 in rate-case expenses related to Docket No. 45248. Through December 31, 2019, the City collected \$53,030.11, leaving a balance of \$1,410.52. To avoid the possibility of collecting in excess of the amount the Commission approved, the City elected not to recover the remaining balance of \$1,410.52. So, ultimately the City recovered \$53,030.11 of the \$54,440.63 in rate-case expenses the Commission approved for recovery.

Based on my review of the City of Fritch's information, I recommend that the Commission deem the filing sufficient and that the docket should be closed, if appropriate.

¹ *Ratepayers Appeal of the Decision by the City of Fritch to Change Rates*, Docket No. 45248, Order at Ordering Paragraph No. 4 (Dec. 1, 2016).