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Public Utility Commission of Texas

TO: Peggy Paul
Orbit Systems, Inc.
1302 Airline North
Rosharon, TX 77583

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

RE: Tariff Control No. 46673 – Application of Orbit Systems, Inc. for a Pass-Through Rate Change

NOTICE OF APPROVAL

This Notice addresses Orbit Systems, Inc.'s application for a pass-through rate increase due to an increase in fees imposed on the utility by the North Fort Bend Water Authority. The requested rate increase affects the River Ranch Subdivision. The proposed effective date for the pass-through rate increase was January 1, 2017.

Orbit was required to provide revised notice of the application and submitted proof of providing the required notice on February 8, 2017. The revised proposed effective date was February 1, 2017. On February 10, 2017, Commission Staff recommended that Orbit's application and revised notice be deemed sufficient and further that the application be approved; as specified in the pleading and attached memorandum of Ricky Herrera of the Commission's Water Utility Regulation Division. Commission Staff requested issuance of a notice approving a pass-through rate of \$3.05 per 1,000 per gallons of water usage, effective February 1, 2017. Commission Staff provided revised tariff pages for Orbit.

Consistent with Commission Staff's recommendation, Orbit's application, as amended, is sufficient and it is approved. A pass-through rate of \$3.05 per 1,000 gallons is approved for Orbit's customers in the River Ranch Subdivision, effective February 1, 2017. The approved revised tariff pages are attached to this Notice.

SIGNED AT AUSTIN, TEXAS on the 27th day of February 2017.

PUBLIC UTILITY COMMISSION OF TEXAS



**SUSAN E. GOODSON
ADMINISTRATIVE LAW JUDGE**

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WATER UTILITY TARIFF

Tariff Control Number: 46673

Orbit Systems, Inc.
(Utility Name)

1302 Airline North
(Business Address)

Rosharon, Texas 77583
(City, State, Zip Code)

(281) 369-2041
(Area Code/Telephone)

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

11982

This tariff is effective in the following counties:

Brazoria, Fort Bend and Matagorda

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

City of Manvel (Brandi Estates)

"The rates set or approved by the city for the systems within its corporate boundary are not presented in this tariff. Those rates are not under the original jurisdiction of the PUC and will have to be obtained from the city or utility."

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

See attached list

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This tariff is effective in the following subdivisions or systems:

PWS #	Subdivision/Facility Name	County
0790425	723 Utility/Riverside Ranch	Fort Bend
0200244	Angle Acres Mobile Home Park	Brazoria
0200245	Beechwood	Brazoria
0200358	Bayou Colony Subdivision	Brazoria
0200338	Bernard Oaks	Brazoria
0200323	Blue Sage Gardens	Brazoria
0200325	Brandi Estates *	Brazoria
0200639	Brazos Oaks Subdivision	Brazoria
0200410	Briar Meadows	Brazoria
0200324	Colony Cove	Brazoria
0200604	Colony Trails	Brazoria
0200275	Coronado Country	Brazoria
0200274	Country Acres Estates	Brazoria
0200273	Country Meadows	Brazoria
0790510	Crystal Lake Estates	Fort Bend
0200185	Demi-John Place	Brazoria
0200234	Demi-John Island	Brazoria
0200360	Grasslands (Airline Road Est)	Brazoria
0200339	Larkspur	Brazoria
0200506	Lee Ridge	Brazoria
0200432	Mark V Subdivision	Brazoria
0200094	Mooreland	Brazoria
0200566	Oak Meadows	Brazoria
0200597	Paloma Acres Subdivision	Brazoria
0200592	Quail Valley Ranches Sec. IV	Brazoria
0200058	Riverside Estates	Brazoria
0200346	Rosharon Road Estates	Brazoria
0200036	Rosharon Township	Brazoria
0200108	Ryan Long II	Brazoria
0200460	San Bernard River Estates	Brazoria
0200335	Sandy Meadows	Brazoria
0200053	Snug Harbor	Brazoria
1610102	Spanish Bit Plantation	Matagorda
0200624	Stoneridge Lakes Subdivision	Brazoria
0790504	Tejas Lakes	Fort Bend
0200638	Village Lakes	Brazoria
0200083	Wilco Water/Holiday Beach	Brazoria
0200370	Wolf Glen	Brazoria

*Brandi Estates subject to City of Manvel Approval

SECTION 1.0 -- RATE SCHEDULE

Section 1.01 - Rates

<u>Meter Size</u>	<u>Monthly Base Rate</u>	<u>Gallage Charge</u>
5/8" or 3/4"	<u>\$35.00</u> (Includes 0 gallons)	<u>\$3.00</u> per 1000 gallons
1"	<u>\$70.00</u>	
1½"	<u>\$175.00</u>	
2"	<u>\$280.00</u>	
3"	<u>\$525.00</u>	
4" & larger	<u>\$1,100.00</u>	
Unmetered	<u>\$54.78</u>	

Brazoria County Groundwater Conservation District Production Fee
(Brazoria County Subdivisions only).....\$0.03
per 1,000 gallons of water usage

North Fort Bend Water Authority Production Fee
(723 Utility/Riverside Ranch Subdivision only).....\$3.05
per 1,000 gallons of water usage
(Tariff Control No. 46673)

FORM OF PAYMENT: The utility will accept the following forms of payment:

Check X, Money Order X, Other (specify) Online Payment or Automatic Bank Draft

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 Fees

TAP FEE.....\$600.00
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 IS THE UTILITY'S ACTUAL COST FOR MATERIALS AND LABOR FOR METER SIZE INSTALLED.

METER RELOCATION FEE..... Actual Relocation Cost, Not to Exceed Tap Fee
THIS FEE MAY BE CHARGED IF A CUSTOMER REQUESTS THAT AN EXISTING METER BE RELOCATED.

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SECTION 1.0 -- RATE SCHEDULE (Continued)

METER TEST FEE\$25.00

THIS FEE WHICH SHOULD REFLECT THE UTILITY'S COST MAY BE CHARGED IF A CUSTOMER REQUESTS A SECOND METER TEST WITHIN A TWO-YEAR PERIOD AND THE TEST INDICATES THAT THE METER IS RECORDING ACCURATELY. THE FEE MAY NOT EXCEED \$25.

RECONNECTION FEE

THE RECONNECT 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 \$25.00)\$25.00
- b) Customer's request that service be disconnected\$50.00

TRANSFER FEE\$25.00

THE TRANSFER FEE WILL BE CHARGED FOR CHANGING AN ACCOUNT NAME AT THE SAME SERVICE LOCATION WHEN THE SERVICE IS NOT DISCONNECTED.

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

PUC RULES ALLOW A ONE-TIME PENALTY TO BE CHARGED ON DELINQUENT BILLS. A LATE CHARGE MAY NOT BE APPLIED TO ANY BALANCE TO WHICH THE PENALTY WAS APPLIED IN A PREVIOUS BILLING.

RETURNED CHECK CHARGE\$25.00

RETURNED CHECK CHARGES MUST BE BASED ON THE UTILITY'S DOCUMENTABLE COST.

CUSTOMER DEPOSIT RESIDENTIAL (Maximum \$50)\$50.00

COMMERCIAL & NON-RESIDENTIAL DEPOSIT 1/6TH 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. [§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:

AG=G + B/(1-L), where

AG= adjusted gallonage charge, rounded to the nearest one cent:

G= approved gallonage charge (per 1,000 gallons);

B=change in purchased water/district gallonage charge (per 1,000 gallons);

L=system average line loss for preceding 12 months not to exceed 0.15