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TO: Chuck Bell
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Legal Division
Water Utility Regulation Division

RE: Tariff Control No. 46905 – Application of Chuck Bell Water Systems L.L.C. for Approval of a Sampling Fee Surcharge

NOTICE OF APPROVAL

This Notice addresses the application of Chuck Bell Water Systems L.L.C. for approval of a sampling fee surcharge to affected customers in the following subdivisions, Bell Manor (public water system (PWS) #1260080), Rock Creek (PWS #1260082), Buffalo Creek (PWS #1260084), Sandersview (PWS #1260086), Crowley II Acres (PWS #1260012), John Dame (PWS #1260090), Martin Creek (PWS #1260122), and Bear Creek Estates (PWS #2200336). Chuck Bell plans to implement the surcharge in the April 2017 billing cycle, for a period of one-to-three months only for affected customers.

The application was deemed deficient on March 24, 2017 because Commission Staff required an explanation of why Bear Creek Estates was the only PWS that is paying for Carbamates Insecticides sampling, and how often the Carbamates Insecticides samples were taken. Deadlines were established for Chuck Bell to cure the deficiencies and for Commission Staff to file a supplemental recommendation on the sufficiency of the application.

On April 4, 2017, Commission Staff stated that it was authorized to represent that Mr. Chuck Bell had agreed to remove the amount of \$57.01 associated with Carbamates Insecticides from this application; therefore, as explained in the pleading and attached memorandum of Emily Sears in the Commission's Water Utility Regulation Division, Commission Staff recommended that the application be approved. Commission Staff recommended Chuck Bell be required to



include in the first bill affected by this application the following language: "A sampling surcharge has been approved by the Public Utility Commission of Texas (PUC) to cover sampling fees incurred by the utility and required by the Safe Drinking Water Act." Commission Staff also recommended that the order approving the application include a statement that Chuck Bell is not authorized by the Commission to collect more than the total approved amount.

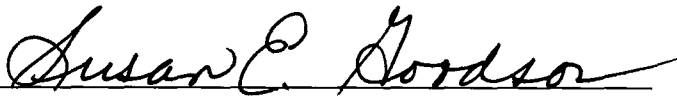
Consistent with Staff's recommendation, the application, as amended by agreement, is approved. Chuck Bell is authorized to collect from affected customers, beginning with the April 2017 billing cycle, the following sampling fee surcharge for the specified number of months:

Bell Manor PWS #1260080	\$603.30/21 connections - \$9.58/connection for 3 months
Rock Creek PWS #1260082	\$603.30/36 connections - \$8.38/connection for 2 months
Buffalo Creek PWS #1260084	\$603.30/36 connections - \$8.38/connection for 2 months
Sandersview PWS #1260086	\$968.87/22 connections - \$14.68/connection for 3 months
Crowley II Acres PWS #1260012	\$220.98/88 connections - \$2.51 for 1 month
John Dame PWS #1260090	\$1,206.60/40 connections - \$10.06/connections for 3 months
Martin Creek PWS #1260122	\$763.46/22 connections - \$11.57/connection for 3 months
Bear Creek PWS #2200336	\$911.86/20 connections - \$15.19/connections for 3 months

Furthermore, the first bill that Chuck Bell sends out that includes the surcharge shall include the following statement: "A **sampling surcharge has been approved by the Public Utility Commission of Texas (PUC) to cover sampling fees incurred by the utility and required by the Safe Drinking Water Act.**" Finally, Chuck Bell may not collect more than the total approved amount or refunds can be ordered.

SIGNED AT AUSTIN, TEXAS on the 24th day of April 2017.

PUBLIC UTILITY COMMISSION OF TEXAS


SUSAN E. GOODSON
ADMINISTRATIVE LAW JUDGE