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## *Public Utility Commission of Texas*

**TO: Brett W. Fenner, P.E.**  
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**Commission Staff – Water Utility Regulation Division**  
**Commission Staff – Legal Division**

**RE: Tariff Control No. 46842 – *Application of The Commons Water Supply, Inc. to Implement a Pass-Through Rate Change***

### **NOTICE OF APPROVAL**

This Notice addresses The Commons Water Supply, Inc.'s application for a pass-through rate change due to an increase in water use fees imposed on the utility by the City of Houston. The rate increase will affect The Commons of Lake Houston subdivision, public water system #1012978. The proposed effective date for the pass-through rate change was April 1, 2017.

The Commons was required to provide revised notice of the application and submitted proof of providing the required revised notice on March 30, 2017. On March 31, 2017, Commission Staff recommended that The Commons' application and revised notice be deemed sufficient and further that the application be approved; as specified in the pleading and attached memorandum Jonathan Ramirez of the Commission's Water Utility Regulation Division. Commission Staff requested issuance of a notice approving a pass-through rate of \$.89 per 1,000 per gallons of water usage, effective April 1, 2017. Commission Staff provided revised tariff pages for The Commons.

Consistent with Commission Staff's recommendation, The Commons' application, as amended, is sufficient and it is approved. A pass-through rate of \$.89 per 1,000 gallons is approved for customers in The Commons of Lake Houston subdivision, effective February 1, 2017. The approved revised tariff pages are attached to this Notice.



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Signed at Austin, Texas the 13<sup>th</sup> day of April 2017.

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A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "Susan E. Goodson", written over a horizontal line.

SUSAN E. GOODSON  
ADMINISTRATIVE LAW JUDGE

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**WATER UTILITY TARIFF**  
**Tariff Control No. 46842**

The Commons Water Supply, Inc.  
(Utility Name)

235 Interstate 45 North  
(Business Address)

Conroe, Texas 77304  
(City, State, Zip Code)

(281) 540-1047  
(Area Code/Telephone)

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

12781

This tariff is effective in the following county:

Harris

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

None

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

The Commons of Lake Houston  
The Commons Water Supply, Inc.: PWS #1012978

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The above utility lists the following sections of its tariff (if additional pages are needed for a section, all pages should be numbered consecutively):

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SECTION 1.0 -- RATE SCHEDULE

Section 1.01 - Rates

<u>Meter Size</u>	<u>Monthly Minimum Charge</u>	<u>Gallage Charge</u>
5/8" or 3/4"	<u>\$35.50</u> (Includes <u>5,000</u> gallons)	<u>\$1.90</u> per 1,000 gallons, 5,001-10,000 gallons
1"	<u>\$35.50</u>	<u>\$3.05</u> per 1,000 gallons, 10,001-15,000 gallons
1 1/2"	<u>\$35.50</u>	<u>\$3.95</u> per 1,000 gallons, 15,001 gallons or more
2"	<u>\$35.50</u>	

The City of Houston Groundwater Reduction Plan (GRP) fee.....\$ .89 per each 1,000 gallons  
(*Tariff Control No. 46842*)

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

Cash X, Check X, Money Order X, Credit Card X

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.

Section 1.02 - Miscellaneous Fees

TAP FEE.....\$1,100.00  
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.

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 \$25.00.

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SECTION 1.0 -- RATE SCHEDULE (Continued)

**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 .....\$15.00

**TRANSFER FEE**.....\$15.00

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)** ..... 10%

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 THE PUC AND AFTER NOTICE TO CUSTOMERS, THE UTILITY MAY INCREASE RATES TO RECOVER INCREASED COSTS FOR INSPECTION FEES AND WATER TESTING. [30 TAC 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.





SECTION 1.0 -- RATE SCHEDULE (Continued)

**Pass Through Provision:**

For Utilities subject to changes in costs imposed by any non-affiliated provider of purchased water or sewer or a groundwater conservation district having jurisdiction over the Utility, these increases (decreases) shall be passed through as an adjustment to the gallonage charge according to the formula:

$$AG = G + B/(1-L)$$

Where:

AG = adjusted gallonage charge, rounded to nearest one cent

G = approved gallonage charge, per 1,000 gallons

B = changed in fee (per 1,000 gallons)

L = water or sewer line loss for preceding 12 months, not to exceed 0.15 (15%)