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APPLICATION OF CHAMP'S WATER § PUBLIC UTILITY COMMISSION
COMPANY FOR A PASS-THROUGH §
RATE CHANGE § OF TEXAS

**CHAMP'S WATER COMPANY'S RESPONSE
TO STAFF'S RECOMMENDATION**

COMES NOW Champ's Water Company and files this response to Commission Staff's
Recommendation.

Enclosed herewith are the documents requested by staff.

Respectfully submitted,

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USAGE AND LOSS REPORT

CHAMP'S WATER COMPANY

Month	Water Pumped	Water Sold	Water Loss Pct	Average Use	Active Meters	Zero Use Meters	Over 50000	40000	30000	20000	10000	8000	6000	4000	2000	1
01-16	16,857,000	13,700,000	18.73	8,896	1,540	101	33	7	6	7	88	74	167	253	359	249
02-16	10,770,000	11,967,000	-11.11	7,786	1,537	68	33	3	7	9	88	90	148	305	337	242
03-16	14,194,000	9,791,000	31.02	6,379	1,535	158	24	3	5	10	66	58	132	228	353	294
04-16	12,679,000	11,765,000	7.21	7,695	1,529	86	28	4	5	10	80	69	159	261	355	270
05-16	14,436,000	12,088,000	16.26	7,901	1,530	129	34	3	6	9	83	70	157	281	354	240
06-16	14,071,000	10,821,000	23.10	7,063	1,532	107	23	7	5	12	85	88	142	263	355	254
07-16	12,589,000	10,667,000	15.27	6,972	1,530	181	29	3	7	12	88	57	135	260	357	263
08-16	15,730,000	14,148,000	10.06	9,271	1,526	113	29	9	9	41	160	106	190	237	255	188
09-16	14,038,000	11,218,000	20.09	7,346	1,527	95	29	6	6	13	79	63	111	263	371	295
10-16	12,622,000	10,152,000	19.57	6,640	1,529	98	27	6	7	19	81	70	133	223	322	341
11-16	13,601,000	10,931,000	19.63	7,191	1,520	91	24	4	3	11	97	60	114	274	397	253
12-16	11,801,000	9,850,000	16.53	6,476	1,521	71	26	6	4	13	64	41	110	238	415	341

12 Month Totals

Total Water Pumped	163,388,000
Total Water Sold	137,098,000
Total Used for Fire/Flush	0
Total Water Loss	26,290,000
Total Water Loss Percent	16.09 %

Qualified By: System Totals 01-16 to 12-16
Everett Square Water, Inc.

Monthly Averages

Average Water Pumped	13,615,667
Average Water Sold	11,424,833
Average Used for Fire/Flush	0
Average Water Loss	2,190,833
Average Water Loss Percent	16.09 %
Average Customer Use	7,468

WATER UTILITY TARIFF

FOR

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Champs Water Company, Inc.

(281) 590-7317

Houston, Texas 77039

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

10972

This tariff is effective in the following county(ies):

Harris and Montgomery

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

Houston

This tariff is effective in the following subdivisions or systems:

Aldine Forest, Mading Lane, Whisper Meadows, West Montgomery, Parkland Estates, Rolling Forest, Western Homes, North Belt Forest

This tariff is effective for the following public water system number(s):

1010410, 1010517, 1011708, 1010670, 1010192, 1700684, 1010028, 1011999

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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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4.0	DROUGHT MANAGEMENT PLAN
	SERVICE AGREEMENTS
	STANDARD
	CONSTRUCTION SERVICE

SECTION 1.0 - RATE SCHEDULE

Section 1.01 - Rates

Meter Size	Monthly Minimum Rate (includes 0-gallons all meters)	Gallonge Charge
5/8 x 3/4"	\$ 14.44	\$2.25 per 1000 gallons
3/4"	21.65	for the first 10,000 gallons
1"	36.09	plus \$2.00 per 1000 gallons
1 2"	72.18	thereafter
2"	115.49	
3"	216.55	
4"	360.91	
6"	721.83	

CONSERVATION GALLONAGE SURCHARGE - There will be a surcharge of \$2.00 per

1,000 gallons for every 1,000 gallon billing unit metered after the first 10,000 gallons each billing cycle. The revenues collected from conservation block surcharge shall be escrowed into an interest bearing account and only spent on water capacity-related projects benefiting the customers of Champ's Water Company or on conservation projects that will defer the need to add additional water service capacities on the system to serve those same customers. For commercial customers having more than one consuming facility behind a master meter, the surcharge will not go into effect until their consumption has reached the number of consuming facilities times 10,000 gallons. Each point of water usage is deemed to be a point of water consumption that would normally have its own individual water meter under Rules 290.44(d)(4) and 291.89(a)(4). This could be a building, an irrigation water meter, or a swimming pool meter. The average annualized consumption of the customers of Champ's Water Company is below 10,000 gallons per month. This surcharge is to encourage that average to remain at a level considered sufficient for ordinary domestic potable water needs and a reasonable amount for necessary outside water usage.

REGULATORY ASSESSMENT

A REGULATORY ASSESSMENT, EQUAL TO ONE PERCENT OF THE CHARGE FOR RETAIL WATER SERVICE ONLY, SHALL BE COLLECTED FROM EACH RETAIL CUSTOMER

1.0%

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SECTION 1.0 - RATE SCHEDULE

Section 1.01 - Rates

FORM OF PAYMENT: THE UTILITY WILL ACCEPT THE FOLLOWING FORM(S) OF PAYMENT:

Cash, Check X, Money Order X, Discovery, MasterCard, Visa (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.)

Section 1.02 - Miscellaneous Fees

TAP FEE: 5/8 x 3/4" meter

Plus unique costs at actual cost where permitted by TCEQ rule

\$600.00

LARGE METER TAP FEE

Actual Cost

TAP FEE IS BASED ON THE UTILITY'S ACTUAL COST FOR MATERIALS AND LABOR FOR METERS LARGER THAN STANDARD 1" METER.

RECONNECTION FEE

THE RECONNECT FEE WILL BE CHARGED BEFORE SERVICE CAN BE RESTORED TO A CUSTOMER WHO HAS BEEN DISCONNECTED FOR THE FOLLOWING REASONS:

a) Non payment of bill (Maximum \$25.00)

\$25.00

b) Customer's request

\$40.00

OR OTHER REASONS LISTED UNDER SECTION 2.0 OF THIS TARIFF

TRANSFER FEE

\$40.00

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

LATE CHARGE

10%

A ONE-TIME PENALTY MAY BE MADE ON DELINQUENT BILLS BUT MAY NOT BE APPLIED TO ANY BALANCE TO WHICH THE PENALTY WAS APPLIED IN A PREVIOUS BILLING.

RETURNED CHECK CHARGE

\$20.00

CUSTOMER DEPOSIT RESIDENTIAL

\$50.00

COMMERCIAL AND NON-RESIDENTIAL DEPOSIT

1/6TH EST. ANNUAL BILL

METER TEST FEE (actual cost of testing the meter up to)

\$25.00

THIS FEE 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.

SEASONAL RECONNECTION FEE

Base rate for meter size times number of months off the system not to exceed six months when leave and return within a twelve month period

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SECTION 1.0 - RATE SCHEDULE

Section 1.02 - Miscellaneous Fees (Continued)

METER RELOCATION FEE THIS FEE MAY BE CHARGED IF A CUSTOMER REQUESTS RELOCATION OF AN EXISTING METER Actual cost to relocate that meter

METER CONVERSION FEE THIS FEE MAY BE CHARGED IF A CUSTOMER REQUESTS CHANGE OF SIZE OF AN EXISTING METER OR CHANGE IS REQUIRED BY MATERIAL CHANGE IN CUSTOMER'S SERVICE DEMAND Actual cost to convert that meter

AMR METER CONVERSION FEE Actual cost to convert that meter THIS FEE MAY BE CHARGED IF A CUSTOMER REFUSES TO MAKE ACCESS TO THE METER AVAILABLE AND THE MOST COST EFFECTIVE SOLUTION FOR THE CUSTOMER AND THE UTILITY IS TO CONVERT THE SERVICE TO A REMOTE READ RADIO METER TO AVOID THE CONSTRUCTION AND RELOCATION OF THE UTILITY'S MAIN AND FACILITIES AND THE CUSTOMER'S METER TO ANOTHER LOCATION.

TEMPORARY WATER RATE:

Unless otherwise superseded by TCEQ order or rule, if the Utility is ordered by a court or governmental body of competent jurisdiction to reduce its pumpage, production or water sales, the Utility shall be authorized to increase its approved gallonage charge according to the formula:

TGC = cgc + (prt)(cgc)(r) / (1.0-r)

Where:

TGC = temporary gallonage charge

cgc = current gallonage charge

r = water use reduction expressed as a decimal

fraction (the pumping restriction)

prt = percentage of revenues to be recovered expressed as a decimal fraction, for this tariff prt shall equal 0.5.

To implement the Temporary Water Rate, the utility must comply with all notice and other requirements of 30 T.A.C. 291.21(i).

LINE EXTENSION AND CONSTRUCTION CHARGES:

Refer to Section 2.20 Specific Utility Service Rules and Section 3.20 Utility Specific Extension Policy for terms, conditions, and charges.

GOVERNMENTAL TESTING, INSPECTION AND COSTS SURCHARGE CLAUSE:

Increases in inspection fees and water testing costs imposed by state or federal law may be passed through as an adjustment to the monthly base rate charge under the terms and conditions of 30 T.A.C. 291.21(k)(2) after notice to customers and upon written approval by the TCEQ.

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SECTION 1.0 - RATE SCHEDULE

Section 1.02 - Miscellaneous Fees (Continued)

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:

$$AG = G + B/(1-L), \text{ where}$$

$$AG = \text{adjusted gallonage charge, rounded to the nearest one cent;}$$

$$G = \text{approved gallonage charge (per 1,000 gallons);}$$

$$B = \text{change in purchased water/district gallonage charge (per 1,000 gallons);}$$

$$L = \text{system average line loss for preceding 12 months not to exceed 0.15}$$

LOCK REMOVAL OR DAMAGE FEE \$10.00

THIS FEE SHALL BE ACCESSED TO THE ACCOUNT HOLDER OF ANY DELINQUENT ACCOUNT THAT HAS BEEN TERMINATED FOR NON-PAYMENT BY LOCKING THE METER AND THE LOCK HAS SUBSEQUENTLY BEEN REMOVED OR DAMAGED WITHOUT AUTHORIZATION BY THE UTILITY IN ORDER TO RESTORE WATER SERVICE TO THE ACCOUNT HOLDER'S ORIGINAL PLACE OF SERVICE. THIS FEE SHALL NOT BE CHARGED IF THE DAMAGED METER FEE IS CHARGED.

DAMAGED METER AND APPURTENANCES FEE Actual cost plus \$10.00

THIS FEE SHALL BE ACCESSED TO THE ACCOUNT HOLDER OF ANY DELINQUENT ACCOUNT THAT HAS BEEN TERMINATED FOR NON-PAYMENT BY LOCKING THE METER AND METER OR APPURTENANCES SUCH AS THE CURB STOP HAVE BEEN DAMAGED REQUIRING REPAIR AND/OR REPLACEMENT IN AN ATTEMPT TO RESTORE WATER SERVICE TO THE POINT OF SERVICE THAT WAS DISCONNECTED. THE ACCOUNT HOLDER SHALL BE CHARGED THE FULL COST OF REPAIRING AND/OR REPLACING ALL DAMAGED PARTS, INCLUDING LABOR AND VEHICLES. THIS WILL INCLUDE REPLACEMENT OF METERS THAT HAVE HAD THEIR LOCKING DEVICES BROKEN OFF THE FLANGES. IN ADDITION, A \$10.00 PENALTY WILL BE LEVIED TO DETER FUTURE TAMPERING.

CUSTOMER SERVICE INSPECTION FEES \$75.00

SERVICE APPLICANTS ARE FREE TO HAVE CUSTOMER SERVICE INSPECTIONS REQUIRED BY TCEQ RULE 290.46(g) BY ANY STATE-LICENSED INSPECTOR OF THEIR CHOICE. THEY ARE ENCOURAGED TO USE A THIRD PARTY INSPECTOR AND NOT AN EMPLOYEE OF THE UTILITY. HOWEVER, IF THEY REQUEST THE UTILITY TO PERFORM THE INSPECTION, IT WILL BE DONE AT A MARKET PRICE. SINCE THIS IS NOT A FUNCTION OF PUBLIC WATER UTILITY SERVICE, PERFORMING CUSTOMER SERVICE INSPECTIONS MUST TAKE LOWER PRIORITY TO FULFILLING UTILITY SERVICE RESPONSIBILITIES UNDER THE TCEQ'S CHAPTER 290 AND 291 RULES.

METER INSTALLATION FEE \$90.00

TO BE CHARGED WHEN UNMETERED SERVICE EXISTS ON THE SYSTEM THAT SHOULD BE METERED TO BE IN COMPLIANCE WITH THE UTILITY'S TARIFF BUT THE CONVERSION OF THE SERVICE WOULD NOT REQUIRE A FULL TAP AND ALL OF ITS COSTS. THIS FEE WILL BE A SHARING OF COSTS BETWEEN THE CUSTOMER AND THE UTILITY. THE CUSTOMER MAY HAVE THE OPTION OF PAYING THE FEE OVER NO MORE THAN THREE (3) MONTHS.

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