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

RE: Tariff Control No. 47005 – *Application of Suburban Utility Company, Inc. for a Pass-Through Rate Change*

NOTICE OF APPROVAL

This Notice addresses Suburban Utility Company, Inc.'s application to implement a pass-through rate increase due to an increase in fees imposed on the utility by the North Harris County Regional Water Authority (NHCRWA) for the utility's mandatory participation in NHCRWA's groundwater reduction program. The rate increase will affect the Cypress Bend subdivision, public water system #1010119. The requested effective date for the pass-through rate change was April 1, 2017.

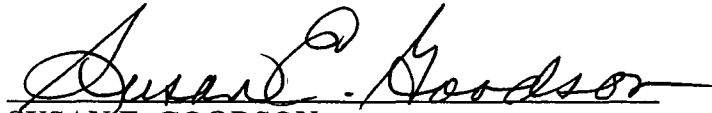
On April 19, 2017, Commission Staff recommended that the application be deemed administratively complete and approved; as specified in the pleading and attached memorandum of Leila Guerrero of the Commission's Water Utility Regulation Division. Commission Staff recommended approval of the NHCRWA pass-through rate of \$3.41 per 1,000 gallons for Suburban's customers in the Cypress Bend subdivision, effective April 1, 2017. Commission Staff recommended approval of the modified calculation for the pass-through provision and provided revised tariff pages for Suburban.

Consistent with Commission Staff's recommendation, Suburban's application is sufficient and it is approved. The modified calculation for Suburban's pass-through provision is approved. A new NHCRWA pass-through rate of \$3.41 per 1,000 gallons for Suburban's

customers in the Cypress Bend subdivision is approved, effective April 1, 2017. The approved revised tariff pages for Suburban are attached to this Notice.

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

PUBLIC UTILITY COMMISSION OF TEXAS

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Susan E. Goodson", is written over a horizontal line.

SUSAN E. GOODSON

ADMINISTRATIVE LAW JUDGE

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WATER UTILITY TARIFF

Tariff Control No. 47005

Suburban Utility Company
(Utility Name)

P.O. Box 455
(Business Address)

Spring, Texas 77383
(City, State, Zip Code)

(281) 444-7747
(Area Code/Telephone)

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

10835

This tariff is effective in the following county:

Harris County

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

N/A

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

Beaumont Place (PWS ID#1010098); Castlewood Subdivision (PWS ID#1010111); Cypress Bend Subdivision (PWS ID#1010119); Reservoir Acres Subdivision (PWS ID#1010197)

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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" x 3/4"	<u>\$23.00</u> (Includes 0 gallons)	<u>\$2.15</u> per 1000 gallons up to 20,000 gallons
3/4"	<u>\$23.00</u>	<u>\$2.40</u> per 1000 gallons from 20,001 to 35,000 gallons
1"	<u>\$57.50</u>	<u>\$2.65</u> per 1000 gallons from 35,001 to 50,000 gallons
1½ "	<u>\$115.00</u>	<u>\$3.00</u> per 1000 gallons from 50,001 gallons and up
2"	<u>\$184.00</u>	*Plus Pass Through fees below
3"	<u>\$345.00</u>	

*Pass Through For Cypress Bend Subdivision:

\$3.41 per 1000 gallons additional fee will be added as a Pass Through charge by North Harris County Regional Water Authority (NHCRWA) for the customers in Cypress Bend Subdivision only, Effective April 1, 2017. $\{ \$2.90 / (1 - 0.15) \} = \{ \$2.90 / \$0.85 \} = \3.41

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\$0.99 per 1000 gallons (which is \$0.8526 plus line loss of 15 percent) will be added as a Pass Through charge by the City of Houston for customers in Castlewood Subdivision.

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

Cash X, Check X, Money Order X, Credit Card , Other (specify)
 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 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.

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

COMMERCIAL & NON-RESIDENTIAL DEPOSIT1/6TH OF ESTIMATED ANNUAL BILL

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RETURNED CHECK CHARGE \$25.00
RETURNED CHECK CHARGES MUST BE BASED ON THE UTILITY'S DOCUMENTABLE COST.

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) Nonpayment of bill (Maximum \$25.00)..... \$25.00
- b) Customer's request that service be disconnected \$50.00

TRANSFER FEE \$35.00

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.

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.

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 CONVERSION FEE Actual Conversion Cost, Not to Exceed Tap 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.

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.

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. [30 TAC 24.21(K)(2)]

SECTION 1.0 -- RATE SCHEDULE (Continued)

PURCHASED WATER AND/OR DISTRICT FEE PASS THROUGH CLAUSE:

CHANGES IN FEE IMPOSED BY ANY NON-AFFILIATED THIRD PARTY WATER SUPPLIER OR UNDER GROUND 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 = $G + \{G/(1-L)\}$, where
AG = adjusted gallonage charge, rounded to the nearest one cent;
G = new gallonage charge (per 1,000 gallons);
L = system average line loss for preceding 12 months, not to exceed 0.15