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TO: Brett W. Fenner, P.E.
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913 Hyde Park Dr.
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Commission Staff – Water Utility Regulation Division
Commission Staff – Legal Division

RE: Tariff Control No. 47067 – *Application of J & S Water Company, L.L.C. to Implement a Pass-Through Rate Change*

NOTICE OF APPROVAL

This Notice addresses J & S Water Company, L.L.C.'s application to implement a pass-through rate increase due to an increase in water use fees imposed on the utility by the North Harris County Regional Water Authority (NHCRWA) for the utility's mandatory participation in NHCRWA's ground water reduction program. The rate increase affects customers in the Five Oaks (public water supply (PWS) #1011832), Maple Leaf Gardens (PWS #1011493), and Oakland Village (PWS #1010049) subdivisions. The requested effect for the pass-through rate was May 1, 2017.

On May 5, 2017, Commission Staff recommended that J & S's application and notice be deemed administratively complete and further that the application be approved; as specified in the pleading and attached memorandum of Jonathan Ramirez of the Commission's Water Utility Regulation Division. Commission Staff requested issuance of a notice finding the application administratively complete and approving a \$0.65 increase in the NHCRWA pass-through rate for affected customers, from \$2.76 to \$3.41 per 1,000 gallons, effective May 1, 2017. Commission Staff provided revised tariff pages for J & S.

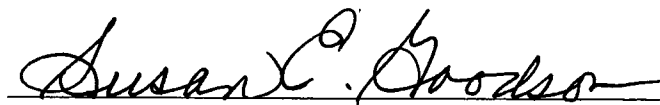
Consistent with Commission Staff's recommendation, J & S's application, is sufficient and it is approved. A pass-through rate of \$3.41 per 1,000 gallons is approved for J & S's customers in the Five Oaks (PWS # 1011832), Maple Leaf Gardens (PWS #1011493), and



Oakland Village (PWS #1010049) subdivisions effective May 1, 2017. The approved revised tariff pages are attached to this Notice.

Signed at Austin, Texas the 9th day of May 2017.

PUBLIC UTILITY COMMISSION OF TEXAS



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ADMINISTRATIVE LAW JUDGE

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WATER UTILITY TARIFF
Tariff Control Number: 47067

J & S Water Company, L.L.C.
(Utility Name) (Business Address)

1905 N. Battle Bell Road

Highlands, TX 77562
(City, State, Zip Code)

(281) 590-4359
(Area Code/Telephone)

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

12085

This tariff is effective in the following counties:

Harris, Chambers, and Liberty

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

None

This tariff is effective in the following subdivisions:

Arbor Oaks (PWS #1011493), Five Oaks (PWS #1011832), Maple Leaf Gardens (PWS #1011493), Oakland Village (PWS #1010049), Windfern Meadows (PWS #1011493), and Woodland Acres (Subdivision and Mobile Home Park) (PWS #0360027)

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SECTION 1.0 -- RATE SCHEDULE

Section 1.01 - Rates

<u>Meter Size</u>	<u>Monthly Minimum Charge</u>	<u>Gallorage Charge</u>
5/8" or 3/4"	\$23.44 (per connection for all water meter sizes)	\$4.26 ***per 1,000 gallons over the minimum
1"	\$58.60	
1½"	\$117.20	
2"	\$187.52	
3"	\$351.60	
4"	\$586.00	
6"	\$1,172.00	

***Gallorage Charge: Gallorage charge of \$4.26 per 1,000 gallons includes North Harris County Regional Water Authority's ground water fee surcharge of \$3.41 per 1,000 gallons. **(Tariff Control No. 47067)**

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

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

Phone Payment Fee*: A fee of five percent (5%) of the amount paid will be charged for all phone 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 \$600.00
 TAP FEE COVERS THE UTILITY'S COSTS FOR MATERIALS AND LABOR TO INSTALL A STANDARD RESIDENTIAL CONNECTION. AN ADDITIONAL FEE TO COVER UNIQUE COSTS IS PERMITTED IF LISTED ON THIS TARIFF.

NON-RESIDENTIAL TAP FEE..... Actual Cost
 THE TAP FEE IS BASED ON THE AVERAGE OF THE UTILITY'S ACTUAL COST FOR MATERIALS AND LABOR FOR NON-RESIDENTIAL CUSTOMERS.

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

SECTION 1.0 -- RATE SCHEDULE (Continued)

TRANSFER FEE.....	<u>\$50.00</u>
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)	<u>\$5.00</u>
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	<u>\$30.00</u>
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CUSTOMER DEPOSIT RESIDENTIAL (Maximum \$50).....	<u>\$50.00</u>
NON-RESIDENTIAL CUSTOMER DEPOSIT	<u>1/6TH of estimate annual billing</u>
METER TEST FEE	<u>\$25.00</u>
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 CONVERSION FEE	<u>Actual Cost</u>
TO CHANGE LOCATION OR INCREASE THE SIZE OF THE METER AT THE CUSTOMER'S REQUEST.	

PASS THROUGH ADJUSTMENT CLAUSE:

The utility may pass on only to those customers served by a system subject to the jurisdiction of the North Harris County Regional Water Authority (NHCRWA) or systems receiving purchased water from the City of Houston Groundwater Reduction Plan (COH GRO), any increase or decrease in its underground water district pumpage fee or purchased water fee, thirty (30) days after noticing of any change to all effected customers and filing notice with the PUC as required by 16 TAC 24.21 (h). The change per customer shall be calculated as follows:

$$(A \times B) / C + L [A \times B] / C = \text{increase or decrease to existing gallonage rate}$$

Where:

A = Utility's annualized change in cost of water subjected to district's fee

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Woodland Acres
(Utility Name)

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