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Public Utility Commission of Texas

TO: Kerry K. Johnston
Johnston Water Utility, LLC
14708 Olin Rd.
Tomball, TX 77377

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

RE: Tariff Control No. 47372 – *Application of Johnston Water Utility, LLC for a Pass-Through Rate Change*

NOTICE OF APPROVAL

This Notice addresses Johnston Water Utility, LLC's application for a pass-through rate increase due to an increase in well pumpage fees imposed on the utility by the North Harris County Regional Water Authority (NHCRWA) and the San Jacinto River Authority (SJRA). The rate increases will affect the Power Mill Estates, High Meadows, and Oaks of Rosehill subdivisions. The requested effective date for the pass-through rate changes for Power Mill Estates and the Oaks of Rosehill subdivisions is August 1, 2017. The requested effective date for the pass-through rate change for the High Meadows subdivision is September 1, 2017.

On July 17, 2017, Commission Staff recommended that the application be deemed sufficient and further, that the application be approved; as explained in the pleading and attached memorandum of Fred Bednarski of the Commission's Water Utility Regulation Division. Based on the increase in pumpage fees from NHCRWA, Commission Staff recommended approval of a \$3.06 per 1,000 gallons pass-through fee for customers in the Powder Mill Estates subdivision and a \$3.36 per 1,000 gallons pass-through fee for customers in the Oaks of Rosehill subdivision, both effective August 1, 2017. Based on an increase in pumpage fees from the SJRA, Commission Staff recommended approval of a \$2.91 per 1,000 gallons pass-through fee for customers in the High Meadows subdivision, effective September 1, 2017. Commission Staff recommended that Johnston provide revised notice to affected customers in the utility's July 2017 bills to correct a minor error in the notice provided, and



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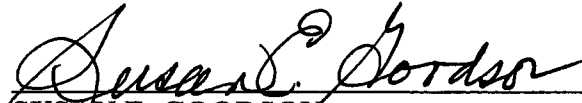
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specifically include the language from 16 Texas Administrative Code § 24.21(b)(2)(E)(ii)(VI) (TAC). Commission Staff provided revised tariff pages for Johnston.

Consistent with Commission Staff's recommendation, Johnston's application is sufficient and it is approved. A pass-through fee of \$3.06 per 1,000 for customers in the Powder Mill Estates subdivision and a pass-through fee of \$3.36 per 1,000 gallons for customers in the Oaks of Rosehill subdivision are approved, effective August 1, 2017. A pass-through fee of \$2.91 per 1,000 gallons for customers in the High Meadows subdivision is approved, effective September 1, 2017. Johnston shall send revised notice, consistent with Commission Staff's instructions, to affected customers in the utility's July 2017 bills and specifically include the language from 16 TAC § 24.21(b)(2)(E)(ii)(VI). The approved revised tariff pages for Johnston are attached to this Notice.

Signed at Austin, Texas the 26th day of July 2017.

PUBLIC UTILITY COMMISSION OF TEXAS



SUSAN E. GOODSON

ADMINISTRATIVE LAW JUDGE

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WATER UTILITY TARIFF

Tariff Control Number: 47372

Johnston Water Utility, LLC
(Utility Name)

14750 Medical Complex Dr.
(Business Address)

Tomball, Texas 77377
(City, State, Zip Code)

(281) 351-5643
(Area Code/Telephone)

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

12788

This tariff is effective in the following county:

Harris and Montgomery

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

None

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

High Meadow Subdivision: PWS #1700603

Oaks of Rosehill: PWS #1013066

Powder Mill Estates: PWS #1012986

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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</u>	<u>Gallage Charge</u>
5/8" or 3/4"	<u>\$30.00</u> (including 3,000 gallons)	<u>\$2.25</u> (per 1000 gallons)

North Harris County Regional Water Authority

(NHCRWA) Pumpage Fee \$3.06 (per 1000 gallons)
(\$2.90 plus line loss of \$0.16) (Tariff Control No. 47372)

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 \$350.00

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METER RELOCATION FEE Actual Relocation Cost, Not to Exceed Tap Fee

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SECTION 1.0 -- RATE SCHEDULE (Continued)

METER TEST FEE\$25.00

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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):

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- b) Customer's request that service be disconnected.....**\$25.00**

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RETURNED CHECK CHARGE.....\$25.00

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CUSTOMER DEPOSIT RESIDENTIAL (Maximum \$50).....\$0.00

COMMERCIAL & NON-RESIDENTIAL DEPOSIT 1/6TH OF ESTIMATED ANNUAL BILL

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

LINE EXTENSION AND CONSTRUCTION CHARGES:

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North Harris County Regional Water Authority (NHCRWA) Pumpage Fee <u>\$3.36</u> (per 1,000 gallons) (\$2.90 plus line loss of \$0.46). (Tariff Control No. 47372)		

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Lone Star Groundwater Conservation Regional District

(LSGCD) Water Use Fee \$0.07 (per 1,000 gallons)
(\$0.06 plus line loss of \$0.01).

San Jacinto River Authority

(SJRA) Pumpage Fee \$2.91 (per 1,000 gallons)
(\$2.64 plus line loss of \$0.27). (Tariff Control No. 47372)

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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%)