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APPLICATION OF MANVEL

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PUBLIC UTILITY COMMISSION
UTILITIES FOR A PRICE
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INDEX RATE ADJUSTMENT

PUBLIC UTILITY COMMISSION
OF TEXAS

ORDER NO. 3 REQUIRING COMMENTS ON ADMINISTRATIVE COMPLETENESS AND NOTICE; AND ADDRESSING PROCEDURAL MATTERS

I. The Application

This Order addresses Manvel Utilities LP's April 2, 2018 amended application for a price index rate adjustment. Manvel holds water certificate of convenience and necessity (CCN) No. 12924 and sewer CCN No. 20871. The application was initially assigned a new control number but the filing has been corrected to show it as part of the record in this docket.

II. Background

Manvel initially filed an application for a sewer price index rate adjustment on August 4, 2017. In the September 5, 2017 filing on final disposition, Commission Staff recommended that Manvel's application be denied because Texas Water Code § 13.1872(f) only allows one rate adjustment per year and Manvel had applied for a water rate increase on March 20, 2017, which was approved on May 5, 2017 in Docket No. 46965.

A Proposed Order denying the application for sewer price index rate adjustment was considered by the Commission at the March 29, 2018 Open Meeting. The Commission voted to remand the docket to the administrative law judge for the ALJ to order Manvel to file an amended application to reflect the change in the price index for 2018 and to include a request to adjust its water rates along with sewer rates since the application, if approved, will become effective in 2018, a year after Manvel's rates were last adjusted.

¹ Application of Manvel Utilities, LP for a Price Index Rate Adjustment, Docket No. 46965, Notice of Approval (May 5, 2017).

In accordance with the March 29, 2018 Order Remanding Proceeding to Docket Management, on April 2, 2018, Manvel filed an amended application for a price index rate adjustment using the current 3.5% index rate.

III. Requiring Comments on Administrative Completeness of the Application and Notice

Under 16 Texas Administrative Code (TAC) § 24.8(a), the application shall be reviewed for administrative completeness within 30 calendar days of receipt of the application. An application is not considered filed with the Commission until a determination of administrative completeness is made. By May 1, 2018, Commission Staff shall file comments on the administrative completeness of the application and notice.

IV. Requesting Procedural Schedule

In addition, by May 1, 2018, the applicant and Commission Staff shall file comments regarding how this application should be processed and propose a procedural schedule, if necessary.

Signed at Austin, Texas the ______ day of April 2018.

PUBLIC UTILITY COMMISSION OF TEXAS

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