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### **Chuck Bell Water Systems L.L.C.**

P.O.Box 731 Crowley. Texas 76036 / Fax (817) 426-4094 Mob. (817)980-6394

November 3, 2017

TO: PUC Staffperson FROM: Chuck Bell Chuck Bell Water Systems L.L.C. Re: CPI ADJUSTMENT

This letter is to inform you that CBWS has recently received notification that Docket Number 47664 has been approved. I am very grateful to Staff for the speedy turn around on my application, but one item was mislabeled on the original Application. That item is the Late Fee for which I want to receive a 10% Late Fee instead of the \$5.00 as stated on the approved Docket Number 47664.I am refiling the whole Application again, after a conversation with Josh Barron Staff Attorney, including the Docket 47664 Tariff with the change on the Late Fee line from \$5.00 to 10%. I apologize for the error and I'm hoping the change can be simple. Please review the documents and if any changes are required by CBWS we will make them immeadiately

CBWS will begin these charges on the January billing cycle for all affected subdivisions. Thank you for your assistance in this matter and if you need to contact me my # is (817) 980-6394 or at <a href="mailto:mstrgolfer@sbcglobal.net">mstrgolfer@sbcglobal.net</a>.

CHUCK BELL CHUCK BELL WATER SYSTEMS L.L.C.

PREAMBLE

1701 N. Congress Avenue PO Box 13326 Austin, TX 78711-3326

Applicant:



Date Filed: 11-3-2017 CCN Water No.(s): 12190 N/A CCN Sewer No.(s):

### **Public Utility Commission of Texas** Class "C" Water or Sewer Utility Request for a Price Rate Adjustment

Pursuant to Texas Water Code §13 1872 and 16 Texas Administrative Code Chapter 24

#### CHUCK BELL WATER SYSTEMS L.L.C. Utility Name:

#### CHUCK BELL (If applicable, an Individual, Corporation, or Other Legal Entity other than Utility)

Address: P.O. BOX 731 city: CROWLEY State/Zip: TX., 76036 Telephone: 817-980-6394 Fax: 817-426-4094

E-Mail: mstrgolfer@sbcglobal.net

Web Site:

Person to Name: _	whom correspondence concerning the CHUCK BELL	his request should be add	dressed:
Address:	(First/Last Name) P.O. BOX 731	E-Mail:	mstrgolfer@sbcglobal.net
City:	CROWLEY	Web Site:	
State/Zip: _	TX., 76036 817-980-6394		
Telephone: _ Fax:	817-426-4094		
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Affiliates	
(list by name	
and CCN No.)	

Number of Current Active Water Connections: Number of Current Active Sewer Connections: (Total for all of the utility's CCNs and subdivisions.)

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APPLICATION

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### Class C Water or Sewer Utility Request for a Price Rate Adjustment

CHUCK BELL WATER SYSTEMS L.L.C.

11-3-2017

(Utility Name)

(Date of Application)

Enter all applicable data in unlocked cells. For example, the "Other:\_\_\_\_\_" cell or the "Previous Tariff Rates" column should be completed using the utility's previously approved tariff. The remainder of the worksheet will automatically calculate new tariff values.

WATER		WATER Previous Tariff Rates		Proposed Monthly Base Rates	
Gallons Included:	-0-				
Mete	r Sizes				
5/8"	or 3/4"	40.63	] [	41.27	
3	/4"	60.94	7 [	61.90	
1"		101.57	7 F	103.16	
1	1/2"	203,14	7 1	206.33	
······	2''	325.02		330.12	
	3**	N/A	1.57%	N/A	
	4"		] [		
6"			] [		
8"			] [		
10"			] [	•	
Other:		N/A	7 [	N/A	

SEWER N/A			evious iff Rates	Current Change in PUC Price Index	Proposed Monthly Base Rates	
Gallons Included:						
Mete	r Sizes	N/	A	1	N/A	
5/8"	or 3/4"			] [		
3	/4"			1 [		
	1"			] [		
1	1/2"			1 [		
	2"					
	3"			1.57% <sup>1</sup>		
	4"			7 [		
	6"			]		
	8"			] [		
1	10"		7	] [	•	
Other:		N	V/A	] [	N/A	

<sup>1</sup>The Texas Water Code limits the increase to the lesser of either 5% or the change in annual price index. The current annual price index change is published at:

http://www.puc.texas.gov/industry/water/reports/Default.aspx

Please note that rates for separate surcharges and pass-through clauses in your tariff may not be included in the calculation. Only your base rate and gallonage charge may be included. No fees such as tap fees, late fees, or any other tariffed rate may be increased.

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APPLICATION - CALCS - BASE RATE DETAIL

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## **Class C Water or Sewer Utility Request** for a Price Rate Adjustment

CHUCK BELL WATER SYSTEMS L.L.C.

**Utility Name:** CCN Number(s):

Sewer

N/A

water 12190

WATER

Do not complete if you have BLOCK gallonage rates.) GALLONAGE CHARGE:							
for each additional 1,000 gallons over the minimum (use this table for a single gallonage rate)							
Previous Tariff Rates	Current Change in PUC Price Index	Proposed Tariff Rates					
\$3.54	1.57% <sup>1</sup>	\$3.60					

(Do not complete if you have a single gallonage charge.) BLOCK GALLONAGE CHARGES									
Gallonage Blocks					Previous Tariff Rates (per 1,000 gallons)	Current Change in PUC Price Index	Proposed Tariff Rates (per 1,000 gallons)		
From		to	ga	llons					
From		to	ga	llons					
From		to	ga	llons		1.57%			
From		to	ga	llons					
For usage over gallons			<u> </u>						

#### SEWER

	if you have BLOCK g LLONAGE CHARGE					
for each additional 1,000 gallons over the minimum (use this table for a single gallonage rate)						
Previous Tariff Rates	Current Change in PUC Price Index	Proposed Tariff Rates				
N/A	1.57%'	N/A				

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Gallonage Blocks					Previous Tariff Rates (per 1,000 gallons)	Current Change in PUC Price Index	Proposed Tariff Rates (per 1,000 galions)	
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From		to		gallons				
From	From to gallons			1.57% <sup>1</sup>				
From		to		gallons				
For usa	ige over			gallons	1			

<sup>1</sup>The Texas Water Code limits the increase to the lesser of either 5% or the change in annual price index. The current annual price index change is published at: http://www.puc.texas.gov/industry/water/reports/Default.aspx

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APPLICATION - CALCS - BLOCK GALLONAGE RATES

# NOTICE OF APPROVED UTILITY PRICE RATE ADJUSTMENT

Utility Name:	CHU	JCK BELL	WATER SY	STEMS L.L.(	
CCN Number(s):	Water	12190	Sewer	N/	A
The rates listed on the next page below. This rate was requested based on a percentage change in Code § 13.1872 allows the utilit changes in the price index.	by the ut the price	ility and a index, whi	pproved by the ch is set by the	Public Utility Commission	y Commission of Texas annually. Texas Water
The following public water system					
adjustment: BELL MANOR, ROCK CREEK	. BUFFA	LO CREE	K. SANDERSV	VIEW. IOHN	DAME.
MARTIN CREEK, CROWLEY					
Effective Date of Approved	Increase:		EMBER 1, 2		
		(must be at l	least 30 days from th	te date the custome	rs receive notice)
The rate adjustment will apply to bill you receive approximately 30				tive date and	will be reflected on the
Address; P.O. BOX 73	31				
City: CROWLEY			-		
State/Zip: TEXAS 760	)36				
Telephone: (817) 980-63	894				
Percent	of Rate A	djustment:	1.57% <sup>1</sup>		
	otice Deli		OCTOBER	1,2017	
	eters are		FIRST OF T	<b>_</b> '	
	Billin	g Com	parison <sup>2</sup>		
Charge			G) per Month (	mo)	
		Water	:		
Previous	3			New	
5,000 G 58.33	3	/mo	5,000 G	59.27	/mo
10,000 G 76.0	3	/mo	10,000 G	77.27	/mo
30,000 G 146.	33	/mo	30,000 G	149.27	/mo
		Sewer:	;		
Previous				New	
	Δ	/mo	5,000 G	N/A	/mo
5,000 G <u>N/</u> 10,000 G		-	10,000 G		

<sup>2</sup>The billing comparison only includes base rate, block gallonage rate and gallonage rate charges.

# NOTICE OF APPROVED UTILITY PRICE RATE ADJUSTMENT

CCN Number(s):		Water	12190	Sewer	N/A
			WATER		
			BASE RATES		
	N	leter Size	Previous Monthly Base Rate	New Monthly Base Rate	
	5/	/8" or 3/4"	40.63	41.27	
		3/4"	60.94	61.90	
		1"	101.57	103.16	
		1 1/2"	203.14	206.33	
	2"		325.02	330.12	
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		10"			
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(inclining or declining)			(per 1,000 gallons)		Price Index	(per 1,000 galions)			
From	1	to	gallons	N/A		N/A			
From	t	to	gallons						
From	t	10	gallons			1.57% <sup>1</sup>			
From	t	to	gallons						
For usage over			gallons		7				

'The Texas Water Code limits the increase to the lesser of either 5% or the change in annual price index. The current annual price index change is published at:

http://www.puc.texas.gov/industry/water/reports/Dcfault.aspx

# NOTICE OF APPROVED UTILITY PRICE RATE ADJUSTMENT

Utility	Name:	CI	HUCK BELL V	VATER SY	STEMS L.L	.C.	
CCN N	umber(s):		Water	12190		Sewer	N/A
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		<u> </u>					
		7	Meter Size	M	revious Ionthly ase Rate	New Monthly Base Rate	
		5	/8" or 3/4"	N/	Α		
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			1 1/2"				
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			3"				
			4*				
			6"				
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			10"				
		Other:	I				
			GAL	LONAGI	CHARGE	ES <sup>1</sup>	
			for each addi	tional 1,000 g	illons over the r	ninimum	
			Previous Fariff Rates	Current Pr	Change in PUC ce Index	New Tariff Rates	
				1	57% <sup>1</sup>		
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From	<u> </u>	to	gallons				
From	·	to	gallons			1	
From		10	gallons	-		1.57% <sup>1</sup>	
From		to	gallons			1	

The Texas Water Code limits the increase to the lesser of either 5% or the change in annual price index. The current annual price index change is published at:

http://www.puc.texas.gov/industry/water/reports/Default.aspx

gallons

For usage over

#### **DOCKET NO. 47664**

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APPLICATION OF CHUCK BELL § WATER SYSTEMS LLC FOR A § PRICE INDEX RATE ADJUSTMENT § § §	PUBLIC UTILITY COMMISSION OF TEXAS
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#### COMMISSION STAFF'S RECOMMENDATION ON ADMINISTRATIVE COMPLETENESS AND RECOMMENDATION ON FINAL DISPOSITION

COMES NOW the Staff of the Public Utility Commission of Texas (Staff), representing the public interest, and files this Commission Staff's Administrative Completeness and Recommendation on Final Disposition in response to Order No. 1. In support thereof, Staff shows the following:

#### I. BACKGROUND

On October 3, 2017, Chuck Bell Water Systems LLC (Applicant) filed an application for a price index rate adjustment pursuant to Tex. Water Code § 13,1872 (TWC) and 16 Tex. Admin Code § 24.36 (TAC).

On October 5, 2017, the Commission administrative law judge (ALJ) issued Order No. 1, requiring Commission Staff to file comments on the administrative completeness of the application and proposed notice by or on November 3, 2017. Therefore, this pleading is timely filed.

#### II. APPLICATION SUFFICIENCY RECOMMENDATION

As detailed in the attached memorandum of Jonathan Ramirez in the Commission's Water Utility Regulation Division, Staff has reviewed the Application and recommends that it be found administratively complete and accepted for filing pursuant to TWC § 13.1872 and 16 TAC § 24.36.

#### III. NOTICE

The Applicant indicated that notice was provided on or before October 1, 2017. Pursuant to 16 TAC 24.36(e), "Notice of Approved Rates. After the utility receives a written order by the commission approving or modifying the utility's application, including the proposed notice of approved rates, and at least 30 days before the effective date of the proposed change established ->

in the commission's order, the utility shall send by mail, or by e-mail if the ratepayer has agreed to receive communications electronically, the approved or modified notice to each ratepayer describing the proposed rate adjustment." Therefore, the Applicant must first wait for the Commission to issue an order approving the application before it provides notice. The notice must be at least 30 days before the effective date of the proposed change.

#### IV. RECOMMENDATION OF FINAL DISPOSITION

Staff conducted a technical review of the Application pursuant to TWC § 13.1872 and 16 TAC § 24.36. Pursuant to TWC § 13.1872 and 16 TAC § 24.36, the Commission may adjust the rates of a Class C utility without the need for a hearing. Based upon the attached memorandum of Jonathan Ramirez of the Commission's Water Utility Regulation Division, Staff recommends approval of the Application for an increase in water rates for Chuck Bell Water Systems LLC. Approval of the Application would result in the approval of the Applicant's proposed rates reflected in the attached memorandum. Staff recommends that the effective date be at least 30 days after Applicant provides notice to its customers that complies with 16 TAC § 24.36(c), and therefore, an effective date of January 1, 2018 is appropriate. Staff has attached compliance tariff pages reflecting the proposed rate adjustment to this pleading.

#### V. CONCLUSION

For the reasons stated above, Staff recommends that the Application be deemed administratively complete. Staff further recommends the Application be approved, that the Administrative Law Judge (ALJ) direct Chuck Bell to send new notice, and that the ALJ order that Chuck Bell set an effective date of the increase in water rates of January 1, 2018.

Respectfully Submitted,

#### PUBLIC UTILITY COMMISSION OF TEXAS LEGAL DIVISION

Margaret Uhlig Pemberton Division Director

Katherine Lengieza Gross Managing Attorney

Joshua Adam Barron State Bar No. 24087146 1701 N. Congress Avenue P.O. Box 13326 Austin, Texas 78711-3326 (512) 936-7235 (512) 936-7268 (facsimile) Joshua Barron@puc.texas.gov

#### **CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE**

I certify that a copy of this document will be served on all parties of record on this the November 3, 2017 in accordance with 16 TAC § 22.74.

Joshua Adam Barron



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### WATER UTILITY TARIFF Docket Number: 47664

Chuck Bell dba Chuck Bell Water Systems, LLC (Utility Name)

P.O. Box 731 (Business Address)

Crowley, Texas 76036 (City, State, Zip Code) (817) 980-6394 (Area Code/Telephone)

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

<u>12190</u>

This tariff is effective in the following counties:

Johnson and Tarrant

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

None

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

See attached list.

### TABLE OF CONTENTS

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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APPENDIX A - DROUGHT CONTINGENCY PLAN ÀPPENDIX B - SAMPLE SERVICE AGREEMENT APPENDIX C - APPLICATION FOR SERVICE

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SUBDIVISION	PWS ID NUMBER	COUNTY
Bear Creek Estates	2200336	Tarrant
Bell Manor Subdivision	1260080	Johnson
Buffalo Creek	1260084	Johnson
Crowley II Acre Subdivision	1260012	Johnson
John Dame	1260090	Johnson
Martin Creek Estates	1260122	Johnson
Rock Creek Estates	1260082	Johnson
Sanders View Subdivision	1260086	Johnson
Stonefield Water System	1260118	Johnson

This tariff is effective in the following Subdivisions or Systems:

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Chuck Bell dba Chuck Bell Water Systems, LLC (Utility Name)

Water Utility Tariff Page No. 2

#### SECTION 1.0 - RATE SCHEDULE

#### Section 1.01 - Rates

<u>Meter Size</u> 5/8" x ¾" 3/4" 1" 1½" 2"	<u>Monthly Minimum Charge</u> (including 0 gallons) <u>\$41.27</u> <u>\$61.90</u> <u>\$103.16</u> <u>\$206.33</u> <u>\$330.12</u>	Gallonage Charge \$3.60 per 1,000 gallons, over the minimum		
Additional Gallonage Purchased Water Fee (Bell Manor Subdivision	es for Johnson County Special Utility	District \$2.51/1000 gallon	S	
	e for Prairielands Groundwater Cons ept Bear Creek Estates in Tarrant County)	servation District <u>\$0.24/1,000 gallon</u>	5	
Capital Improvemen	t Surcharge for 72 months, Effective	March 5, 2012 \$5.65 per connection	n	
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.				
PUC RULES RE	SESSMENT QUIRE THE UTILITY TO COLLECT A FEE LEMIT TO THE TCEQ.	OF ONE PERCENT OF THE RETAIL MONTHL	/o Y	
Section 1.02 - Misce	llaneous Fees			
	ERS THE UTILITY'S COSTS FOR MATERIA 5/8" or 3/4" METER. AN ADDITIONAL FEE	ALS AND LABOR TO INSTALL A STANDAR TO COVER UNIQUE COSTS IS PERMITTED I	D	
TAP FEE (Unique c FOR EXAMPLE	osts) A ROAD BORE FOR CUSTOMERS OUTSID	Actual Composition of Subdivisions or residential area	<u>st</u> s.	
		LS AND LABOR FOR METER SIZE INSTALLED		

Chuck Bell dba Chuck Bell Water Systems, LLC Water Utility Tariff Page No. 2a (Utility Name)

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#### SECTION 1.0 - RATE SCHEDULE (Continued)

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RETURNED CHECK CHARGE	\$30.00
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):

- - If after a customer has been notified that an after-hours charge will be assessed and the customer still chooses to have service connected after 5:00 p.m. instead of waiting until the next business day, the utility can charge an after-hours charge in addition to the normal fee; however, the total charge cannot exceed \$60.00. If service is required to be restored within 36 hours pursuant to 16 TAC 24.88(h)(1) the utility cannot charge the additional fee after the expiration of the first 24 hours following the payment of a disconnected delinquent account. If the customer requests to have the service reconnected after normal business hours within the first 24 hours following payment, the additional fee may be charged.

RECONNECT FEE. The Utility shall charge a reconnect fee of \$25.00 for reconnecting service during normal weekday business hours. A surcharge of \$35.00 may be charged when the customer requests service to be reconnected after 5:00pm on business days, weekends and holidays, subject to 16 TAC 24.88(h). The customer must be advised that this additional fee will be charged and given an opportunity to decline the service at the time the "after hours" reconnect request is originally made.

TRANSFER FEE	
CUSTOMER DEPOSIT RESIDENTIAL (Maximum \$50)\$50.00	
COMMERCIAL & NON-RESIDENTIAL DEPOSIT	

Chuck Bell dba Chuck Bell Water Systems, LLC (Utility Name) Water Utility Tariff Page No. 2b

SECTION 1.0 -- RATE SCHEDULE (Continued)

GOVERNMENTAL TESTING, INSPECTION AND COSTS SURCHARGE: WHEN AUTHORIZED IN WRITING BY TCEQ AND AFTER NOTICE TO CUSTOMERS, THE UTILITY MAY INCREASE RATES TO RECOVER INCREASED COSTS FOR INSPECTION FEES AND WATER TESTING. [16 TAC 24.21(b)(2)(F)]

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.

PURCHASED WATER AND/OR DISTRICT FEE PASS THROUGH CLAUSE

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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), where: AG= adjusted gallonage charge, rounded to the nearest one cent: G= approved gallonage charge (per 1,000 gallons); B=change in purchased water/district gallonage charge (per 1,000 gallons); L=system average line loss for preceding 12 months not to exceed 0.15

FRANCHISE FEE ASSESSMENT. Franchise fees levied by a municipality may be passed through to those customers inside the city generating the revenues upon which the franchise fee is calculated. Implementation of this pass through clause shall be subject to the notice and approval process of the city having original jurisdiction over these fees. Franchise fees may not be passed through or allocated to utility customers outside the municipality.

EASEMENTS. Pursuant to 16 TAC. 24.85(d), easements from customers may be required as a precondition of service when:

- (1) Where recorded public utility easements on the service applicant's property do not exist or public road right-of-way easements are not available to access the property of a service applicant, the public utility may require the service applicant or land owner to grant a permanent recorded public easement dedicated to the public utility to construct, install, maintain, inspect and test water and/or sewer facilities necessary to serve the applicant.
- (2) As a condition of service to a new subdivision, public utilities may require developers to provide permanent recorded public utility easements to and throughout the subdivision sufficient to construct, install, maintain, inspect, and test water and/or sewer facilities necessary to serve the subdivision's anticipated service demands upon full occupancy.

#### **NOTICE OF APPROVED UTILITY PRICE INDEX CHANGE**

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Utility Name: Chuck Bell Water Systems LLC

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CONTNERS	35/	13100	C	
CCN Numbers:	Water	12190	Sewer	

The rates listed on the next page will apply to service received after the effective date listed on the notice below. This rate was requested by the utility and approved by the Public Utility Commission based on a change in the price index. The price index is set by the Commission annually. State law allows the utility to receive an annual rate adjustment, without a hearing, based on the charges in the price index.

The following public water systems, sewer systems, and/or subdivisions will be affected by this rate adjustment:

Bell Manor, Rock Creek, Buffalo Creek, Sandersview, John Dame,

#### Martin Creek, Crowley II Acres and Bear Creek

Water

Effective Date of Approved Increase:

1/1/2018

Must be at least 30 days from the date the customers receive notice

The rate adjustment will apply to all service rendered after the effective date and will be reflected on the bill you receive approximately 30 to 45 days after the effective date.

Address: P.O. Box 731

City: Crowley

State/Zip Texas 76036

Telephone: 817-980-6394

Percent	of Ra	ate Adi	ustment:

1.57%

Date of notice delivered : Date meters are read:

First of the month

Billing Comparison<sup>2</sup>

Charges based on Gallons (G) per Month (mo)

Existing			Proposed
5,000 G	\$58.33 /mo	5,000 G	\$59.27 /mo
10,000 G	\$76.03/mo	10,000 G	\$77.27 /mo
30,000G	\$146.83/mo	30,000 G	\$149.27 /mo

<sup>1</sup>The Texas Water Code limits the increase to the lesser of either 5% or the change in annual price index. The current <u>http://www.puc.texas.gov/industry/water/reports/Default.aspx</u>

<sup>2</sup>The billing comparison only includes base rate, block gallonage rate and gallonage rate charges.