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## ***Public Utility Commission of Texas***

**TO: Chuck Bell Water Systems**  
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**Commission Staff – Water Utility Regulation**  
**Commission Staff – Legal Division**

**RE: Tariff Control No. 47684 – *Application of Chuck Bell Water Systems L.L.C. for Approval of a Sampling Fee Surcharge***

### **NOTICE OF APPROVAL**

This Notice addresses Commission Staff's November 2, 2017 recommendation on the application of Chuck Bell Water Systems L.L.C. for approval of a sampling fee surcharge. The surcharge would affect customers in the following subdivisions: Bell Manor (PWS #1260080), Rock Creek (PWS #1260082), Buffalo Creek (PWS #1260084), Crowley II Acres (PWS #1260012), Martin Creek (PWS #1260122), and Bear Creek (PWS #2200336). Chuck Bell proposed to implement the surcharge on affected customers in the December 2017 billing cycle, for one month only.

On November 2, 2017, Commission Staff recommended the application be approved, consistent with the pleading and attached memorandum of Leila Guerrero in the Commission's Water Utility Regulation Division. Commission Staff recommended Chuck Bell be required to include in the first bill affected by this application the following language: "*A sampling surcharge has been approved by the Public Utility Commission of Texas (PUC) to cover sampling fees incurred by the utility and required by the Safe Drinking Water Act.*" Commission Staff also recommended that the notice approving the application include a statement that Chuck Bell is not authorized by the Commission to collect more than the total approved amount.



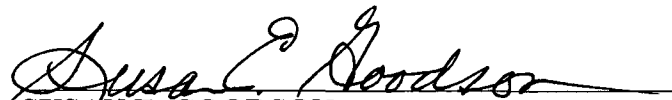
Consistent with Staff's recommendation, the application is approved. Chuck Bell is authorized to collect from affected customers, beginning with the December 2017 billing cycle, the following sampling fee surcharge for one month only:

Bell Manor PWS #1260080	\$175.00/22 connections	\$7.95/connection/1 mth.
Rock Creek PWS #1260082	\$175.00/40 connections	\$4.38/connection/1 mth.
Buffalo Creek PWS #1260084	\$175.00/40 connections	\$4.38/connection/1 mth.
Crowley II Acres PWS #1260012	\$175.00/90 connections	\$1.94 /connection/1 mth.
Martin Creek PWS #1260122	\$175.00/26 connections	\$6.73/connection/1 mth.
Bear Creek PWS #2200336	\$175.00/20 connections	\$8.75/connection/1 mth.

Furthermore, the bill that Chuck Bell sends out that includes the surcharge shall include the following statement: "*A sampling surcharge has been approved by the Public Utility Commission of Texas (PUC) to cover sampling fees incurred by the utility and required by the Safe Drinking Water Act.*" Finally, Chuck Bell may not collect more than the total approved amount.

Signed at Austin, Texas the 9<sup>th</sup> day of November 2017.

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ADMINISTRATIVE LAW JUDGE