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APPLICATION OF RANKIN PARK § PUBLIC UTILITY COMMISSION
MAINTENANCE & UTILITIES FOR A §
PRICE INDEX RATE ADJUSTMENT § OF TEXAS

**COMMISSION STAFF'S RECOMMENDATION ON ADMINISTRATIVE
COMPLETENESS AND RECOMMENDATION ON FINAL DISPOSITION**

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

I. BACKGROUND

On October 20, 2017, Rankin Park Maintenance & Utilities, Co. Inc. (Rankin Park) filed an application (Application) for a price index rate adjustment under Tex. Water Code § 13.1872 (TWC) and 16 Tex. Admin Code § 24.36 (TAC).

On October 25, 2017, the Administrative Law Judge (ALJ) issued Order No. 1 requiring Staff to file a recommendation on the administrative completeness of the Application and notice on or before November 20, 2017. Therefore, this pleading is timely filed.

II. RECOMMENDATION ON ADMINISTRATIVE COMPLETENESS

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

III. RECOMMENDATION ON 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 Rankin Park. Approval of the

Application would result in the approval of Rankin Park's proposed rates reflected in the attached memorandum. Staff has attached compliance tariff pages reflecting the proposed rate adjustment to this pleading.

IV. PROPOSED PROCEDURAL SCHEDULE

Staff proposes the following procedural schedule for further processing of this docket:

Event	Deadline
Deadline for Rankin Park to provide notice to customers	December 16, 2017

V. CONCLUSION

For the reasons stated above, Staff recommends that the Application be deemed administratively complete. Staff further recommends the Application be approved and Rankin Park be ordered to provide notice of the proposed change using only the notice page as approved by the Commission at least 30 days before the effective date of the proposed change.

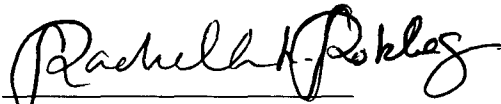
Dated: November 16, 2017

Respectfully Submitted,

**PUBLIC UTILITY COMMISSION OF TEXAS
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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

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



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PUC Interoffice Memorandum

To: Rachelle Robles, Attorney
Legal Division

Thru: Tammy Benter, Director
Debi Loockerman, Manager
Water Utility Regulation Division

From: Jonathan Ramirez, Financial Analyst
Water Utility Regulation Division

Date: November 15, 2017

Subject: **Docket No. 47721:** *Application of Rankin Park Maintenance & Utilities for a Price Index Rate Adjustment*

On October 20, 2017, Rankin Park Maintenance & Utilities Co. Inc. (Applicant) filed an application for a price index rate adjustment for their water and sewer tariffs that will affect the Rankin Park Public Water System and the Rankin Park Wastewater Treatment Plant. The application was filed pursuant to 16 Tex. Admin. Code § 24.36(c) (TAC). The Applicant proposed increasing their water gallonage rate from \$3.00 to \$3.05 per 1,000 gallons, and their sewer gallonage rate from \$3.00 to \$3.05 per 1,000 gallons which equates to the 1.57% price index adjustment.

The following tables include the previously approved and proposed water base rates by meter size:

Water		
Meter Size	Previous tariff base rate	Proposed Rate Adjustment
5/8" or 3/4"	\$45.60	\$46.32
3/4th"	\$45.60	\$46.32
1"	\$76.00	\$77.19
1 1/2"	\$152.00	\$154.39
2"	\$243.20	\$247.02
3"	\$456.00	\$463.16

Sewer		
Meter Size	Previous tariff base rate	Proposed Rate Adjustment
5/8" or 3/4"	\$37.10	\$37.68
3/4th"	\$37.10	\$37.68
1"	\$61.83	\$62.80
1 1/2"	\$123.65	\$125.59
2"	\$197.84	\$200.95
3"	\$370.95	\$376.77

The Applicant indicated that notice was provided on or before November 1, 2017. Pursuant to 16 TAC § 24.36(e), the Applicant must provide notice **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. Therefore, Applicant's notice did not meet the requirements of 16 TAC § 24.36(e).

Staff recommends the following:

- a) Approve the application, as proposed with the exception of the proposed effective date;
- b) Approve an effective date of January 15, 2018 to allow notice in accordance with 16 TAC § 24.36(e);
- c) Order the Applicant to provide the attached notice in accordance with the rule; and,
- d) Provide a copy of the affected tariff to the applicant (attached).

Notice of Approved Utility Price Rate Adjustment

Utility Name:

Rankin Park Maintenance & Utilities

CCN Number(s):

Water

12228

Sewer

20789

SEWER

BASE RATES		
Meter Size	Previous Monthly Base Rate	New Monthly Base Rate
5/8" or 3/4"	\$ 37.10	\$ 37.68
3/4"	\$ 37.10	\$ 37.68
1"	\$ 61.83	\$ 62.80
1 1/2"	\$ 123.65	\$ 125.59
2"	\$ 197.84	\$ 200.95
3"	\$ 370.95	\$ 376.77

GALLONAGE CHARGES		
for each additional 1,000 gallons over the minimum		
Previous Tariff Rates	Current Change in PUC Price Index	New Tariff Rates
\$ 3.00	1.57% ¹	\$ 3.05

¹The 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>