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PUBLIC UTILITY COMMISSION  
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November 10, 2017

Public Utility Commission of Texas  
Central Records  
1701 N. Congress, Suite 8-100  
Austin, Texas 78701

Re: Woodland Oaks Utility Company, Inc. Water CCN 12947  
Lone Star Groundwater Conservation District Increase

Dear Public Utility Commission of Texas:

Please find enclosed correspondence from the Lone Star Groundwater Conservation District (LSGCD) indicating that their "Pass Through" pumpage fees that they are charging as part of the county-wide Groundwater Reduction Plan will increase beginning January 1, 2018. This increase will affect the customers in the Woodland Oaks Subdivision, as well as some commercial customers located within the service area. Fees will be increasing from \$0.075/1,000 gallons to \$0.105/1,000 gallons (plus an additional \$0.015/1,000 gallons due to minor line loss). See the attached explanation of how the fee was calculated. Also enclosed are a spreadsheet indicating water pumped vs. water sold for the last 12 months, the notice to the customers of Woodland Oaks Utility Co. that will be included with the bills that will be mailed on November 22, 2017, and the current tariff.

This letter represents the formal request by Woodland Oaks Utility Company, Inc. to pass through the additional fees being charged by the Lone Star Groundwater Conservation District to its customers effective January 1, 2018.

If you have any questions or need further information, please let me know.

Regards,  
WATERENGINEERS, INC.

Shelley Young, P.E.  
Project Engineer

Encl: As noted

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## Detailed Explanation for the Calculation of the LSGCD Pass-Through Gallonage Rate Adjustment

Woodland Oaks Utility Company, Inc. Water Tariff Fee Pass-Through Calculation for San Lone Star Groundwater Conservation District (LSGCD) Groundwater Reduction Plan (GRP) Water Gallonage Charge is:

$$AG = (G + B)/(1-L)$$

Where:

AG = adjusted Gallonage charge, rounded to the nearest cent for fee increase

G = Approved gallonage charge (per 1,000 gallons) for LSGCD GRP fee

B = change in district gallonage charge (per 1,000 gallons) for LSGCD GRP fee

L = system average line loss for the preceding 12 months not to exceed 0.15

And:

G = \$0.075/1,000 gallons

B = \$0.03/1,000 gallons

L = 9.3% or 0.093 for system average line loss (see following spreadsheet)

Therefore:

$$AG = (\$0.075 + \$0.03)/(1-0.093) = \underline{\underline{\$0.12/1,000 \text{ gallons}}}$$





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September 5, 2017

Mr. Stephen L. Woodring  
Woodland Oaks Utility Co. Inc.  
P. O. Box 247  
Conroe, TX 77305

**Re: NOTICE OF WATER USE FEE RATES FOR CALENDAR YEAR 2018**

Dear Mr. Woodring:

At its August 8, 2017, board meeting, the Board of Directors of the Lone Star Groundwater Conservation District ("District") approved a 10.5 cent per 1,000 gallons Water Use Fee rate for 2018, which applies to the total amount of groundwater you are authorized by permit to produce in calendar year 2018. The \$0.105/1,000-gallon rate goes into effect on January 1, 2018, and applies to all uses other than "agricultural use" as that term is defined in the District Rules.

The Water Use Fee rate for the Catahoula Aquifer remains unchanged at \$0.06 per 1,000 gallons, as does the agricultural use (\$1.00 per acre-foot) rate. The Groundwater Transport Fee for transportation of groundwater out of the District remains a fifty percent (50%) surcharge in addition to the District's water use fee for in-District use. The Minimum Regulatory Water Use Fee remains at \$10.00.

If you have any questions about the 2018 Water Use Fee rates, please feel free to contact the District staff by telephone at (936) 494-3436.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "K. Jones", is written over a horizontal line.

Kathy Turner Jones  
General Manager



**Woodland Oaks UC  
Production vs Metered**

<b>Period</b>	<b>Production</b>	<b>Metered</b>
09/17 - 10/16	9.496	7.500
08/18 - 09/16	9.174	8.631
07/17 - 08/17	10.089	10.071
06/17 - 07/16	9.394	9.035
05/17 - 06/16	10.448	9.193
04/17 - 05/16	8.640	8.017
03/17 - 04/16	8.875	8.289
01/31 - 03/16	10.274	9.430
12/30 - 01/30	7.054	6.222
11/30 - 12/30	7.424	6.679
10/30 - 11/30	8.024	7.099
09/30 - 10/30	9.911	8.493
	108.803	98.659
<b>Water Loss</b>	<b>9.3%</b>	



Dear Woodland Oaks Utility Customer:

November 22, 2017

We received notice from the Lone Star Groundwater Conservation District (LSGCD) regarding an increase in the "Pass Through" pumpage fees they are charging as part of the county-wide Groundwater Reduction Plan, effective January 1, 2018. As a result, you will see the LSGCD Fee increased from \$0.075/1,000 gallons to \$0.105/1,000 gallons with a 9.3% line loss effective January 1, 2018.

LSGCD Pass Through (AG =  $\$0.105/(1-.093) = \$0.12/1,000$  gallons)

**Present Billing Calculation for 7,000 gallons of usage in a month: \$75.92**

Base bill: \$36.28

Utility Gallonage Rate:  $\$2.58/1,000$  gallons X 7 = \$18.06

SJRA Pass Through:  $\$3.00/1,000$  gallons x 7 = \$21.00

LSGCD Pass Through:  $\$0.083/1,000$  gallons x 7 = \$0.58

**New Billing Calculation for 7,000 gallons of usage in a month: \$76.18**

Base bill: \$36.28

Utility Gallonage Rate:  $\$2.58/1,000$  gallons X 7 = \$18.06

SJRA Pass Through:  $\$3.00/1,000$  gallons x 7 = \$21.00

LSGCD Pass Through:  $\$0.12/1,000$  gallons x 7 = \$0.84

This tariff change is being implemented in accordance with the minor tariff changes allowed by 16 Texas Administrative Code §24.21. The cost to you as a result of this change will not exceed the costs charged to your utility. If you have any questions regarding the process mentioned above, or the assessed fees by the LSGCD, you may learn more by going to the LSGCD website: [www.lonestargcd.net](http://www.lonestargcd.net) or contacting them at Lone Star Groundwater Conservation District, 655 Conroe Park North Drive, Conroe, Texas 77303.

Sincerely, Woodland Oaks Utility Company





## WATER UTILITY TARIFF

Tariff Control Number: 47383

Woodland Oaks Utility Company, Inc.  
(Utility Name)

P.O. Box 247  
(Business Address)

Conroe, Texas 77305  
(City, State, Zip Code)

(936)539-1232  
(Area Code/Telephone)

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

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This tariff is effective in the following county:

Montgomery

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

None

This tariff is effective in the following subdivisions and water quality permit numbers:

Woodland Oaks and Forest West (PWS #1700648)

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SECTION 1.0 - RATE SCHEDULE

**Monthly Minimum Charges**

(Includes 0 gallons)

Residential Meter Size	Effective 5/26/2011	Effective 5/26/2012
5/8" x 3/4"	\$30.64	\$36.28
3/4"	\$39.71	\$54.42
1"	\$82.85	\$90.70
1 1/4"	\$165.70	\$181.40
2"	\$242.12	\$290.24
3"	\$422.10	\$544.20
4"	\$769.20	\$1,088.40

Commercial customers are required to have a minimum 1" meter connection.

**Gallage Charge**

\$2.58	per 1,000 gallons from 0 to 10,000 gallons
\$3.33	per 1,000 gallons from 10,001 gallons thereafter

**Pass Through Fees:**

In addition to the gallage charge, the Lone Star Groundwater Conservation District (LSGCD) Pumpage fee of \$0.083 per 1,000 gallons used will be charged to all ratepayers within the boundaries of LSGCD.

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In addition to the gallage charge, the San Jacinto River Authority (SJRA) Groundwater Reduction Plan fee of \$3.00 per 1,000 gallons used will be charged to all ratepayers affected by the SJRA Groundwater Reduction Plan.

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FORM OF PAYMENT: The utility will accept the following forms of payment:

Cash ☐ Check ☒ Money Order ☒ 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 REMIT THE FEE TO THE TCEQ.

TAP FEE .....\$500.00 (Residential)  
\$1,000.00 (Commercial)

TAP FEE COVERS THE UTILITY'S COSTS FOR MATERIALS AND LABOR TO INSTALL A STANDARD RESIDENTIAL 5/8" or 3/4" METER. AN ADDITIONAL FEE TO COVER UNIQUE COSTS IS PERMITTED IF LISTED ON THIS TARIFF.

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