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To: Ronald Payne, President T&W Water Service P.O. Box 2927 Conroe, TX 77305-2927

Commission Staff – Water Utility Regulation Commission Staff – Legal Division

Re: Tariff Control No. 47831 – Application of T&W Water Service Company for a Pass-Through Rate Change

NOTICE OF APPROVAL

This Notice addresses T&W Water Service Company's application for a pass-through rate to recover the increase of the pumpage fees imposed on the utility by the Lone Star Groundwater Conservation District beginning January 1, 2018. The pass-through rate increase will affect several subdivisions in Montgomery, Harris, and Liberty Counties. T&W's requested effective date for the pass-through rate change is January 1, 2018.

On December 29, 2017, Commission Staff recommended that the application and notice be deemed sufficient and further that the application be approved to pass-through the rate of \$0.105 per 1,000 gallons, effective January 1, 2018, consistent with the attached memorandum of Fred Bednarski of the Commission's Water Utility Regulation Division.

Consistent with Commission Staff's recommendation, T&W's application is sufficient and the tariff with the adjusted pass-through rate of \$0.105 per 1,000 gallons is approved effective January 1, 2018. The approved tariff pages for T&W are attached to this Notice.

T & W shall separate the pass-through charges from the gallonage charge in future tariffs when a general rate change is requested such that reconciliation of the pass-through revenues with the actual expenses is possible.

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Signed at Austin, Texas the 12TH day of January 2018.

PUBLIC UTILITY COMMISSION OF TEXAS

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ADMINISTRATIVE LAW JUDGE

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T & W Water Service Company (Utility Name)

12284 FM 3083 (Business Address)

Conroe, Texas 77301 (City, State, Zip Code)

281-367-9566, 800-256-2636 (Area Code/Telephone)

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

12892

This tariff is effective in the following county:

Montgomery, Harris, Liberty

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

City of Conroe

The rates set or approved by the city for the systems entirely within its corporate boundary are not presented in this tariff. Those rates are not under the original jurisdiction of the PUC and will have to be obtained from the city or utility.

This tariff is effective in the following subdivisions or systems:

See attached List of Subdivisions

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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

List of Subdivisions				
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Deer Run	1700700	Montgomery		
Emerald Lakes	1700777	Montgomery		
Encino Estates	1460187	Liberty		
Falls of Wildwood	1700673	Montgomery		
Gemstone Estates	1700608	Montgomery		
Grand Harbor	1700643	Montgomery		
Harborside	1700682	Montgomery		
Hidden Springs Ranch	1700696	Montgomery		
Hydies Crossing	1013180	Harris		
Millers Crossing	1700675	Montgomery		
Oaks of Trinity	1460156	Liberty		
Old Mill Lake	1700662	Montgomery		
Rio Vista (inside city limits of Patton Village, however they surrendered jurisidiction)	1700778	Montgomery		
Riverwalk	1700604	Montgomery		
Southwind Ridge	1700659	Montgomery		
Splendora Woods	1460153	Liberty		
Spring Forest Estates	1460153	Liberty		
Spring Oaks	1460157	Liberty		
Sunrise Ranch	1700686	Montgomery		
The Ranch	1460154	Liberty		
Thousand Oaks	1700635	Montgomery		

SECTION 1.0 -- RATE SCHEDULE

Section 1.01 – Rates

Monthly Base Rate by Meter Size (Includes 0 gallons)	Year 1	Year 2
5/8 x 3/4"	\$25.00	\$22.00
1"	\$46.88	\$55.00
11/2"	\$85.93	\$110.00
2"	\$148.44	\$176.00
3"	\$179.69	\$ 352.00
Gallonage Charge per 1000 gallons		
0 - 10,000 GALLONS	\$2.24	\$2.37 *
10,000 - 20,000 GALLONS	\$2.34	\$2.50 *
> 20,000 GALLONS	\$2.66	\$3.00 *

* PLUS - Pass-Through Fees apply to all Gallonage Used:

- * In addition to the gallonage rate, this Pass-Through Fees applies to all gallonage used in Montgomery County per San Jacinto River Authority (SJRA) minimum gallonage usage requirements: The new pass through rate was calculated to be \$2.88, as limited by the notice provided to customers in PUC Docket 47449. The current SJRA GRP fee is \$2.64 divided (1 0.082) for line loss, or \$2.88 (rounded).
- * In addition to the gallonage rate, this Pass-Through Fees applies to all gallonage used in Montgomery County per the Lone Star Groundwater Conservation District (LSGCD) as follows: The new pass through rate was calculated to be \$0.05 by the notice provided to customers in PUC Docket 47831. The remainder of the LSGCD current gallonage pass through fee of \$0.105 is \$0.06 and is included in the current gallonage charges per TCEQ Docket No. 2008-1403-UCR.

Section 1.02 - Miscellaneous Fees

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SECTION 1.0 -- RATE SCHEDULE (Continued)

TAP FEE
TAP FEE COVERS THE UTILITY'S COSTS FOR MATERIALS AND LABOR TO INSTALL A STANDARD RESIDENTIAL I" METER. AN ADDITIONAL FEE TO COVER UNIQUE COSTS IS PERMITTED IF LISTED ON THIS TARIFF.
TAP FEE (Unique costs)
TAP FEE (Large meter)
METER RELOCATION FEE
METER TEST FEE \$25.00
THIS FEE WHICH SHOULD REFLECT THE UTILITY'S COST MAY BE CHARGED IF A CUSTOMER REQUESTS A SECOND METER TEST WITHIN A TWO-YEAR PERIOD AND THE TEST INDICATES THAT THE METER IS RECORDING ACCURATELY THE FEE MAY NOT EXCEED \$25
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).
a) Non payment of bill (Maximum \$25.00) <u>\$25.00</u>
b) Other than nonpayment\$40.00
TRANSFER FEE\$40.00 THE TRANSFER FEE WILL BE CHARGED FOR CHANGING AN ACCOUNT NAME AT THE SAME SERVICE LOCATION WHEN THE SERVICE IS NOT DISCONNECTED
LATE CHARGE (EITHER \$5.00 OR 10% OF THE BILL)
RETURNED CHECK CHARGE\$25.00 RETURNED CHECK CHARGES MUST BE BASED ON THE UTILITY'S DOCUMENTABLE COST.
CUSTOMER DEPOSIT RESIDENTIAL (Maximum \$50)\$50.00
COMMERCIAL & NON-RESIDENTIAL DEPOSIT1/6TH OF ESTIMATED ANNUAL BILL
GOVERNMENTAL TESTING, INSPECTION AND COSTS SURCHARGE: WHEN AUTHORIZED IN WRITING BY PUC 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.

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SECTION 1.0 – RATE SCHEDULE (Continued)

PROVISION CLAUSE: For Utilities subject to changes in costs imposed by any non-affiliated provider of purchased water or sewer or a groundwater conservation district having jurisdiction over the Utility, these increases (decreases) shall be passed through as an adjustment to the gallonage charge according to the formula:

AG = G / (1-L), Where:

AG = adjusted gallonage charge, rounded to nearest one cent

G = district's or purchased water provider's new approved gallonage charge, per 1,000 gallons

L = water or sewer line loss for preceding 12 months, not to exceed 0.15 (15%)

To implement or modify the Purchased Water/Underground Water District Fee, the utility must comply with all notice and other requirements of 16 TAC § 24.21 (l).