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Re: Tariff Control No. 48096 – Aqua Utilities, Inc., Aqua Development, Inc., Kerrville South Water Company, Inc., and Harper Water Company, Inc. d/b/a Aqua Texas Regional True-Up Report and Request for a Pass-Through Rate Change

NOTICE OF APPROVAL

This Notice addresses Aqua Utilities, Inc., Aqua Development, Inc., Kerrville South Water Company, Inc. and Harper Water Company, Inc. d/b/a Aqua Texas' (collectively, Aqua Texas) true-up report filed in compliance with Aqua Texas' Southwest Region tariff and request for approval to increase the regional pass-through gallonage fee. The fee is imposed to recover purchase water or pumping fee costs assessed by various entities. The requested effective date for the pass-through rate change was March 1, 2018.

On April 6, 2018, Commission Staff confirmed Aqua Texas' true-up calculations and recommended that the application and notice be deemed sufficient. Based on the memorandum of Kathyrn Eiland of the Commission's Water Utility Regulation Division, Commission Staff recommended approval of a regional pass-through gallonage rate of \$1.5413 per 1,000 gallons, an increase of \$0.3311 per 1,000 gallons.

The Commission approves the application of Aqua Texas. A regional pass-through rate of \$1.5413 per 1,000 gallons for Aqua Texas' customers is approved effective March 1, 2018. The revised tariff pages provided by Commission Staff are attached to this Notice.

Signed at Austin, Texas the 300 day of May 2018.

PUBLIC UTILITY COMMISSION OF TEXAS

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WATER UTILITY TARIFF Tariff Control Number: 48096

Aqua Utilities, Inc., Aqua Development, Inc., Kerrville South Water Company, Inc., and Harper Water Company, Inc. dba Aqua Texas (Southwest Region) (Utility Name)

1106 Clayton Lane, Suite 400W

(Business Address)

Austin, Texas 78723 (City, State, Zip Code)

(512) 990-4400 (Area Code Telephone)

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

11157, 12902, 11421 and 11484

This tariff is effective in the following counties: See attached Table – Southwest Region

The following is a list of cities where Aqua Texas – Southwest Region provides water service: City of Austin, City of Boerne, City of Cedar Park, City of Kerrville, and City of Woodcreek

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 may be obtained from the city or utility. This tariff applies to outside city customers of systems that provide service inside and outside of a city's corporate boundary.

This tariff is effective in the following subdivisions and public water systems: See attached Tables A and B – Southwest Region

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Table A – Southwest Region				
System Name	Subdivision/ Area Served	PWS ID	County	
Blue Medina Water	Medina River Ranch Blue Medina	0100030	Bandera	
Lakewood Water	Lakewood Water Lakewood Park	0100047	Bandera	
San Julian Creek Estates	San Julian Creek Estates	0100052	Bandera	
Elmwood Estates	Elmwood Estates	0100053	Bandera	
Comanche Cliffs	Comanche Cliffs	0100065	Bandera	
Estates Utility Co. Stonegate	Stonegate	0150431	Bexar	
Gruene River Development	Gruene River	0460185	Comal	
Chaparral Water System Hays	Bliss Spillar	1050029	Hays	
Woodcreek Utility Co. 1	Wimberley Woodcreek Woodcreek Phase I	1050037	Hays	
Woodcreek Utility Co. 2	Wimberley Woodcreek Woodcreek Phase II	1050039	Hays	
Leisurewoods Water	Leisurewoods	1050043	Hays	
Southwest Territory	Southwest Territory	1050058	Hays and Travis	
Meadow Woods Water Supply	Meadow Woods Arroyo Ranch Dove Hollow Estates Quail Meadows Subdivision	1050077	Hays	
Granite Creek WSC	Granite Creek Blanco River Crossing	1050080	Hays	
Copper Hills Water System	Copper Hills	1050082	Hays	
Oak Meadows	Oak Meadows	1050100	Hays	
Sierra West Subdivision	Sierra West Subdivision	1050134	Hays	
Stonegate Water System	Stonegate	1300032	Kendall	
Walnut Hills	Walnut Hills	1300034	Kendall	
Ten West Ranches	Ten West Ranches	1300036	Kendall	
Kendall Pointe	Kendall Pointe	1300041	Kendall	
Center Point Taylor System	Center Point Taylor	1330010	Kerr	
Erlund Subdivision	Erlund Subdivision Belaire Estates Clear Spring Ranch Estates Kerrville South Ranches No.1 Loudair Hill Subdivision Mountain Top Ranchettes Mountain View Estates Terre Verde Estates Tierra Grande	1330036	Kerr	
Oak Forest South Water Supply	Oak Forest South Burney Oaks Fawn Run Quail Run Estates	1330091	Kerr	

Ta	Table A – Southwest Region (Cont.)			
System Name	Subdivision/ Area Served	PWS ID	County	
Nickerson Farm Water System	Nickerson Farm	1330097	Kerr	
Sleepy Hollow	Sleepy Hollow	1330101	Kerr	
Pecan Valley	Pecan Valley	1330107	Kerr	
Center Point North Water System	Center Point North	1330111	Kerr	
Four Seasons	Four Seasons Castle Estates Dewberry Hollow Estates of Turtle Creek Lamb Creek Wood Creek Woodland Trail Estates	1330113	Kerr	
Horseshoe Oaks Subdivision Water System	Horseshoe Oaks Subdivision	1330118	Kerr	
Northwest Hills Subdivision	Northwest Hills Subdivision	1330124	Kerr	
Bear Paw Water System	Bear Paw Highlands Ranch	1330126	Kerr	
Park Place Subdivision	Park Place Park Place Subdivision	1330127	Kerr	
Real Oaks Subdivision	Real Oaks Subdivision	1330139	Kerr	
Cherry Ridge Water	Cherry Ridge	1330147	Kerr	
Falling Water Subdivision	Falling Water Subdivision Reserve at Falling Water	1330154	Kerr and Kendall	
Saddlewood Subdivision	Saddlewood Subdivision	1330155	Kerr	
Cypress Springs	Cypress Springs	1330156	Kerr	
Lake Vista Utility Co.	Lake Vista	1490017	Live Oak	
Country View Estates	Country View Estates Big Valley	1630026	Medina	
Valentine Ranch	Valentine Ranch	1630040	Medina	
Golden Acres Water Co.	Golden Acres	1780019	Nueces	
Rivercrest Water System	Rivercrest	2270041	Travis	
Bear Creek Park	Bear Creek Park	2270043	Travis	
Sandy Creek Ranches Subdivision	Bluffs of Sandy Creek	2270054	Travis	
Onion Creek Meadows	Onion Creek Meadows	2270059	Travis	
Mooreland Subdivision	Mooreland Subdivision	2270114	Travis	
Hill Country Northwest Cherry Hollow	South Cherry Hollow Estates	2270173	Travis	
Shady Hollow Estates WSC	Shady Hollow Estates	2270212	Travis	
Barton Creek Lakeside	Shady Creek et al Lake Side Subdivision McDaniels Tract Red Bluff Estates	2270282	Travis and Burnet	
Lakecliff on Lake Travis	Travis Lakeside	2270327	Travis	

Table B – Southwest Region (newly acquired)			
System Name	Subdivision/ Area Served	PWS ID	County
Stone Mountain Subdivision	Stone Mountain	0270134	Burnet
Canyon Ridge Springs	Canyon Ridge Springs	2270342	Travis and Burnet
Briarcreek Subdivision	Briarcreek Manor Briarcreek Subdivision	2270354	Travis
Brentwood Subdivision	Brentwood Subdivision	2350005	Victoria
South San Gabriel Ranches	South San Gabriel Ranches	2460026	Williamson
Tal Tex	Tal Tex Tonkawa Village Great Oaks Subdivision	2460064	Wılliamson
Eagle Creek Ranch	Eagle Creek Ranch The Estates at Eagle Creek	2470022	Wilson
Cardinal Valley Water	Cardinal Valley	1050068	Hays and Blanco
Mountain Crest Water Company	Mountain Crest	1050111	Hays
Guadalupe Heights Utility	Guadalupe Heights	1330009	Kerr
Westcreek Estates Water System	Westcreek Estates	1330028	Kerr
Loma Vista Water System	Loma Vista Shady Grove Spanish Oaks Estates Wood Hill Estates Wood Ridge Estates	1330041	Кетт
Aqua Vista Utilities	Aqua Vista	1330062	Kerr
Pecan Utilities Oak Ridge Subdivision	Pecan Utilities Oak Ridge Estates Subdivision	1500043	Llano
Indian Springs Subdivision	Indian Springs Subdivision	2270210	Travis
San Gabriel River Ranches	San Gabriel River Ranches	2460046	Williamson
San Gabriel Hidden Creek Estates	Hidden Creek Estates	2460046	Williamson

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SECTION 1.0 -- RATE SCHEDULE

Section 1.01 - Rates

Meter Size	Monthly Minimum Charge	Gallonage Charge
5/8" x 3/4"	\$44.85 (Includes 0 gallons)	\$2.85 per 1.000 gallons up to 5,000 gallons
1"	<u>\$112.13</u>	$\underline{\$4.00}$ per 1,000 gallons from 5,001 to 10,000 gallons
1 1/2"	<u>\$224.25</u>	\$5.50 per 1,000 gallons from 10,001 to 20,000 gallons
2"	<u>\$358.80</u>	$\underline{\$6.75}$ per 1,000 gallons thereafter
3"	<u>\$717.60</u>	
4"	<u>\$1,121.25</u>	
6"	<u>\$2242.50</u>	
8"	<u>\$3,588.00</u>	
10"	<u>\$5,157.75</u>	
12"	<u>\$9,642.75</u>	

Monthly Minimum Charge for any meter size larger than 12" will be calculated using American Water Works Association (AWWA) approved meter equivalency factors.

Aqua Utilities, Inc., Aqua Development, Inc., Kerrville South Water Company, Inc., and Harper Water Company, Inc. dba Aqua Texas Systems Listed in Table B – Southwest Region

SECTION 1.0 -- RATE SCHEDULE

Section 1.01 - Rates

Monthly Minimum Charges by Meter Size (Includes 0 gallons)

Meter Size	Year 1 Beginning 1/1/2013	Year 2 Beginning 1/1/2014	Year 3 Beginning 1/1/2015	Year 4 Beginning 1/1/16 until changed
5/8" x 3/4"	S42.13	\$42.13	\$42.13	\$44.85
1"	\$105.33	\$105.33	\$105.33	\$112.13
1½"	\$210.65	\$210.65	\$210.65	\$224.25
2"	\$337.04	\$337.04	\$337.04	\$358.80
3"	\$674.08	\$674.08	\$674.08	\$717.60
4"	\$1,053.25	\$1,053.25	\$1,053.25	\$1.121.25
6"	\$2,106.50	\$2,106.50	\$2,106.50	\$2,242.50
8"	\$3,370.40	\$3,370.40	\$3,370.40	\$3,588.00
10"	\$4,844.95	\$4,844.95	\$4,844,.95	\$5,157.75
12"	\$9,057.95	\$9,057.95	\$9,057.95	\$9,642.75

Gallonage Charge

Year 1 through 3 (1/1/2013 through 12/31/15)

\$3.10 per 1,000 gallons up to 20,000 gallons

\$4.10 per 1.000 gallons thereafter.

No Regional Pass-Through Gallonage Charge for Year 1 through Year 3.

Year 4 (Beginning 1/1/2016) until changed

\$3.00 per 1,000 gallons up to 5,000 gallons

\$3.35 per 1,000 gallons from 5,001 to 10,000 gallons

\$3.50 per 1,000 gallons from 10,001 to 20,000 gallons

\$6.75 per 1,000 gallons thereafter.

Monthly Minimum Charge for any meter size larger than 12" will be calculated using American Water Works Association (AWWA) approved meter equivalency factors.

Aqua Utilities, Inc., Aqua Development, Inc., Kerrville South Water Company, Inc., and Harper Water Company, Inc. dba Aqua Texas

SECTION 1.0 -- RATE SCHEDULE (Continued)

FORM OF PAYMENT: The utility will accept the following forms of payment: Cash X (If in person at designated locations), Check X, Money Order X, Credit Card X, Other (specify) Electronic Billing and Payment (See Section 2.06 Billing) 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.
UNAFFILIATED THIRD PARTIES WHO ACCEPT AND PROCESS CASH, CREDIT CARD, OR ELECTRONIC PAYMENTS FOR UTILITY BILLS MAY REQUIRE PAYMENT OF AN ADDITIONAL CONVENIENCE CHARGE FOR THIS SERVICE
REGULATORY ASSESSMENT
Section 1.02 - Miscellaneous Fees
TAP FEE. S900.00 TAP FEE COVERS THE UTILITY'S COSTS FOR MATERIALS AND LABOR TO INSTALL A STANDARD RESIDENTIAL 5/8" x 3/4" METER AN ADDITIONAL FEE TO COVER UNIQUE COSTS IS PERMITTED IF LISTED ON THIS TARIFF.
TAP FEE (Unique costs)
TAP FEE (Larger meter)
RECONNECTION FEE
THE RECONNECTION 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)
TRANSFER FEE
LATE CHARGE
RETURNED CHECK CHARGE

SECTION 1.0 -- RATE SCHEDULE (Continued)

CUSTOMER DEPOSIT - COMMERCIAL & NON-RESIDENTIAL 16TH OF ESTIMATED ANNUAL BILL

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

TO BE CHARGED WHEN UNMETERED SERVICE EXISTS ON THE SYSTEM THAT SHOULD BE METERED TO BE IN COMPLIANCE WITH THE UTILITY'S TARIFF BUT THE CONVERSION OF THE SERVICE WOULD NOT REQUIRE A FULL TAP AND ALL OF ITS COSTS. THIS FEE WILL BE A SHARING OF COSTS BETWEEN THE CUSTOMER AND THE UTILITY THE CUSTOMER MAY HAVE THE OPTION OF PAYING THE FEE OVER NO MORE THAN THREE (3) MONTHS

SERVICE APPLICANTS MAY CHOOSE TO HAVE CUSTOMER SERVICE INSPECTIONS REQUIRED BY TOPO RULE 290.46(1) PERFORMED BY ANY STATE LICENSED INSPECTOR OF THEIR CHOICE UNLESS THE SERVICE APPLICANT CHOOSES TO ARRANGE FOR AND PAY FOR THE INSPECTION INDEPENDENTLY, THE UTILITY MAY CHARGE SERVICE APPLICANTS THE CUSTOMER SERVICE INSPECTION FEE AT THE TIME THEY APPLY FOR SERVICE IF A RE-INSPECTION IS REQUIRED TO BRING PLUMBING INTO COMPLIANCE WITH APPLICABLE REQUIREMENTS OR IF AN EXTRA INSPECTION APPOINTMENT IS REQUIRED BECAUSE A CUSTOMER DOES NOT PERMIT PERFORMANCE OF AN INSPECTION AT A PREVIOUSLY AGREED UPON APPOINTMENT TIME, THE CUSTOMER MAY CHOOSE TO HAVE ANY STATE LICENSED INSPECTOR OF THEIR CHOICE PERFORM THE INSPECTION IF THE CUSTOMER CHOOSES TO HAVE THE UTILITY PERFORM THE INSPECTION OR RE-INSPECTION, THE CUSTOMER WILL BE CHARGED \$100.00 FOR EACH REQUIRED INSPECTION, RE-INSPECTION OR AGREED UPON INSPECTION APPOINTMENT AND WILL PAY THE UTILITY THE TOTAL AMOUNT OWED AT THE TIME AN INSPECTION OR RE-INSPECTION IS PERFORMED. THE UTILITY MAY, AT ITS OPTION, INCLUDE THE ADDITIONAL CHARGE OR CHARGES ON THE NEXT MONTH'S UTILITY BILL RATHER THAN REQUIRING PAYMENT AT THE TIME OF THE INSPECTION OR RE-INSPECTION. THE UTILITY MAY USE UTILITY EMPLOYEES OR MAY HAVE THE INSPECTION PERFORMED BY A LICENSED THIRD PARTY CONTRACTOR

Kerrville South Water Company, Inc., and Harper Water Company, Inc. dba Aqua Texas

SECTION 1.0 -- RATE SCHEDULE (Continued)

ILLEGAL RECONNECTION, LOCK REMOVAL OR DAMAGE FEE\$85.00

IN ORDER TO REIMBURSE THE UTILITY WITHOUT BURDENING OTHER CUSTOMERS WITH HIGHER RATES FOR THE ADDITIONAL COST OF SERVICE TRIPS TO DISCONNECT A CUSTOMER/ACCOUNT HOLDER WHO HAS BEEN DISCONNECTED FOR NONPAYMENT AND TO PAY FOR THE COST OF BROKEN OR CUT LOCKS AND SERVICE TIME, THIS FEE SHALL BE ASSESSED TO THE ACCOUNT HOLDER OF ANY DELINQUENT ACCOUNT THAT HAS BEEN DISCONNECTED FOR NONPAYMENT BY VALVING OFF, LOCKING OR REMOVING THE METER WHEN SERVICE TO THE PREMISES IS SUBSEQUENTLY RECONNECTED BY NON-UTILITY PERSONNEL BY CUTTING OR REMOVING THE LOCK, REOPENING THE VALVE, OR REMOVING OR BYPASSING THE METER WITHOUT AUTHORIZATION BY THE UTILITY. THIS FEE MAY BE CHARGED EACH TIME AN EVENT OCCURS AND SERVICE WILL NOT BE RECONNECTED UNTIL THIS FEE IS PAID IN ADDITION TO ANY OTHER BALANCES AND RECONNECT FEES. THIS FEE SHALL NOT BE CHARGED IF A FEE FOR A DAMAGED METER IS CHARGED OR IF THE ACCOUNT HOLDER OR HIS/HER REPRESENTATIVE INFORMS THE UTILITY WITHIN 24 HOURS AFTER DISCOVERING THAT SERVICE HAS BEEN RESTORED WITHOUT AUTHORIZATION OF THE UTILITY: (1) THAT SERVICE WAS RECONNECTED WITHOUT THE ACCOUNT HOLDER'S PERMISSION: AND (2) THE ACCOUNT HOLDER AGREES TO PAY FOR ALL WATER USED.

THIS FEE SHALL BE ASSESSED TO THE ACCOUNT HOLDER OF ANY DELINQUENT ACCOUNT THAT HAS

BEEN DISCONNECTED FOR NONPAYMENT BY VALVING OFF OR LOCKING THE METER WHEN THE METER AND OR METER APPURTENANCES, SUCH AS AN AMR UNIT OR CURB STOP, ARE DAMAGED IN ORDER TO RESTORE WATER SERVICE TO THE ACCOUNT HOLDER'S ORIGINAL PLACE OF SERVICE REQUIRING THE UTILITY TO REPAIR OR REPLACE THEM. THE ACCOUNT HOLDER SHALL BE CHARGED THE FULL COST OF REPAIRING AND OR REPLACING ALL DAMAGED PARTS AS THE UTILITY DEEMS NECESSARY, INCLUDING LABOR AND VEHICLE COSTS. THIS WILL INCLUDE REPLACEMENT OF VALVES OR CURB STOPS THAT HAVE HAD THEIR LOCKING EYES BROKEN OFF THE FLANGES.

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. [\$24.21(k)(2)]

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.

SECTION 1.0 -- RATE SCHEDULE (Continued)

REGIONAL TEMPORARY WATER RATE:

UNLESS OTHERWISE SUPERSEDED BY PUC ORDER OR RULE, IF THE UTILITY IS ORDERED BY A COURT OR GOVERNMENTAL BODY OF COMPETENT JURISDICTION TO REDUCE ITS PUMPAGE, PRODUCTION OR WATER SALES, AQUA TEXAS SHALL BE AUTHORIZED TO INCREASE ITS APPROVED LINE ITEM CHARGES PER 1,000 GALLONS USED (GALLONAGE CHARGE & REGIONAL PASS-THROUGH GALLONAGE CHARGE) BY THE AMOUNT OF THE REGIONAL TEMPORARY WATER RATE INCREASE ("RTWR") CALCULATED ACCORDING TO THE FORMULA:

RTWR = (((PRR)(CGC)(R))/(1-R))*((APV)/(RPV))

Where:

RTWR	=	Regional Temporary Water Rate increase per 1.000 gallons
CGC	=	current total volume charge per 1,000 gallons used
		(Gallonage Charge + Regional Pass-Through gallonage charge)
R	=	water use reduction expressed as a decimal fraction (the
		pumping restriction)
PRR		percentage of revenues to be recovered expressed as a decimal
		fraction, for this tariff PRR shall equal 0.5.
APV	=	Annual Pumped and/or Purchased volume from the most recent rate
		application for the system or systems where the temporary
		restrictions are imposed; or the most recent 12 months if more than 3
		years have passed since the most recent rate application was filed;
		and
RPV	==	Annual Pumped and Purchased volume for Region from the most
		recent rate application; or the most recent 12 months if more than 3
		years have passed since the most recent rate application was filed

To implement the Regional Temporary Water Rate, Aqua Texas must comply with all notice and other requirements of § 24.21(1).

REGIONAL PASS-THROUGH GALLONAGE CHARGE ADJUSTMENT:

SEE ATTACHED APPENDIX C.