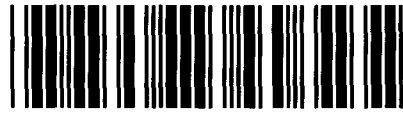


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To: Darcy Tramm, Office Manager  
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Commission Staff – Water Utility Regulation Division  
Commission Staff – Legal Division

Re: Tariff Control No. 48199 – *Application of Castle Country Homes Inc. d/b/a Oak Hill Estates Water Company for a Pass-Through Rate Change*

**NOTICE OF APPROVAL**

This Notice addresses Castle Country Homes Inc. d/b/a Oak Hill Estates Water Company's (Castle Country's) application for a pass-through rate change due to an increase in well pumpage fees imposed on the utility by the North Harris County Regional Water Authority (NHCRWA). NHCRWA's increased the fee from \$2.90 per thousand gallons to \$3.40 effective April 1, 2018. Castle Country requests approval to increase the current pass-through charge of \$3.33 to \$3.90.

On June 11, 2018, Commission Staff recommended that the administrative law judge (ALJ) deem the supplemented application and revised notice sufficient. The ALJ deems the supplemented application and revised notice sufficient.

Commission Staff recommends the Commission approve a pass-through gallonage rate of \$3.90 per 1,000 gallons.

The Commission approves Castle Country's application and a pass-through rate of \$3.90 per 1,000 gallons to customers in the Oak Hill Estates subdivision. The revised tariff pages provided by Commission Staff are attached to this Notice.



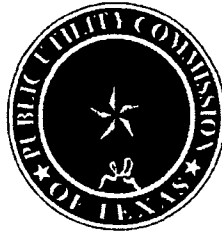
Signed at Austin, Texas the 21<sup>st</sup> day of June 2018.

**PUBLIC UTILITY COMMISSION OF TEXAS**

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**GABRIEL P. SOTO**

**ADMINISTRATIVE LAW JUDGE**



**WATER UTILITY TARIFF**  
**Tariff Control No. 48199**

Castle Country Homes, Inc. dba  
Oak Hill Estates Water Company  
(Utility Name)

27351 Blueberry Hill #36  
(Business Address)

Conroe, Texas 77385  
(City, State, Zip Code)

(281) 367-9419  
(Area Code/Telephone)

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

12861

This tariff is effective in the following county:

Harris

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

None

This tariff is effective in the following subdivisions and public water systems:

Oak Hill Estates: PWS # 1013045

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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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SECTION 1.0 -- RATE SCHEDULE

Section 1.01 - Rates

<u>Meter Size</u>	<u>Monthly Minimum Charge</u>	<u>Gallonge Charge</u>
5/8" or 3/4"	<u>\$30.85</u> (Includes 0 gallons)	<u>\$3.17</u> per 1000 gallons
1"	<u>\$77.13</u>	
1½"	<u>\$154.25</u>	

**North Harris County Regional Water**

**Authority Water Use Fee:** ..... \$3.90 per 1,000 gallons of water usage  
**Tariff Control No. 48199**

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

Cash , Check , Money Order , Credit Card , Other (specify)   
THE UTILITY SHALL REQUIRE EXACT CHANGE FOR PAYMENTS AND SHALL 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 TO REMIT THOSE FEES TO THE TCEQ.

Section 1.02 - Miscellaneous Fees

TAP FEE ..... \$1,000.00  
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.

TAP FEE (Unique costs) ..... Actual Cost  
FOR EXAMPLE, A ROAD BORE FOR CUSTOMERS OUTSIDE OF SUBDIVISIONS OR RESIDENTIAL AREAS.

TAP FEE (Large meter) ..... Actual Cost  
TAP FEE IS THE UTILITY'S ACTUAL COST FOR MATERIALS AND LABOR FOR METER SIZE INSTALLED.

METER RELOCATION FEE ..... Actual Relocation Cost, Not to Exceed Tap Fee  
THIS FEE SHALL BE CHARGED IF A CUSTOMER REQUESTS THAT AN EXISTING METER BE RELOCATED.

METER TEST FEE ..... \$25.00  
THIS FEE WHICH SHOULD REFLECT THE UTILITY'S COST SHALL 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 SHALL NOT EXCEED \$25.

RETURNED CHECK CHARGE ..... \$30.00  
RETURNED CHECK CHARGES MUST BE BASED ON THE UTILITY'S DOCUMENTABLE COST.

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SECTION 1.0 -- RATE SCHEDULE (Continued)

**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) .....\$25.00
- b) Customer's request that service be disconnected .....\$40.00

**TRANSFER FEE** .....\$20.00

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)** ..... 10%

PUC RULES ALLOW A ONE-TIME PENALTY TO BE CHARGED ON DELINQUENT BILLS. A LATE CHARGE SHALL NOT BE APPLIED TO ANY BALANCE TO WHICH THE PENALTY WAS APPLIED IN A PREVIOUS BILLING.

**CUSTOMER DEPOSIT RESIDENTIAL (Maximum \$50)** .....\$50.00

**COMMERCIAL & NON-RESIDENTIAL DEPOSIT** ..... 1/6TH OF ESTIMATED ANNUAL BILL

**GOVERNMENTAL TESTING, INSPECTION AND COSTS SURCHARGE:**

WHEN AUTHORIZED IN WRITING BY PUC AND AFTER NOTICE TO CUSTOMERS, THE UTILITY SHALL 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.

**PASS THROUGH PROVISION:**

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 though as an adjustment to the gallonage charge according to the formula:

$R = G / (1-L)$ , where:

R = new proposed pass through rate;

G = new gallonage charge by source supplier (per 1,000 gallons);

L = water line loss for preceding 12 months, not to exceed 0.15