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# PASS-THROUGH WATER UTILITY TARIFF FILING

# ALBURY MANOR UTILITY COMPANY CCN# 11507 PWSID# 1012052

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## **EXPLANATION OF PASS-THROUGH TARIFF CHANGE**

Implementation of Pass Through North Harris County Regional Water Authority (NHCRWA) water production fee increase effective April 1, 2018, as contained in the NHCRWA Updated Pricing Policy shown in Exhibit "A" attached hereto. Copies of the full NHCRWA orders establishing this water production fee increase can be found at <a href="https://www.nhcrwa.org">www.nhcrwa.org</a>.

Albury Manor Utility Company's (AMUC) current tariff contains a Pass-Through Provision for NHCRWA rate increases as shown on Page 2b of AMUC's tariff, included herewith, approved on May 19, 2017 by the Texas Public Utility Commission.

This tariff amendment is to obtain P.U.C. approval for the above mentioned NHCRWA rate increase. AMUC notes that this application includes a draft form of notice for approval from the P.U.C. before being sent to customers.

Please contact Kenneth Streeter at the number listed above, or at kens@hendricksinterests.com, with any questions regarding this application.

# SECTION 1.0 - RATE SCHEDULE

# Section 1.01 - Rates

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# WATER UTILITY TARIFF **Tariff Control Number: 46921**

Albury Manor Utility Company, Inc. (Utility Name)

400 Randal Way, Suite 106 (Business Address)

Spring, Texas 77388 (City, State, Zip Code)

(281) 350-7000 (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:

Harris

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

None

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

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#### SECTION 1.0 -- RATE SCHEDULE

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# SECTION 1.0 - RATE SCHEDULE (Continued)

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BEEN DISCONNECTED FOR THE FOLLOWING REASONS (OR OTHER REASONS LISTED UNDER SECTIO
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b) Customer's request that service be disconnected\$50.0
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TRANSFER FEE \$25.0
THE TRANSFER FEE WILL BE CHARGED FOR CHANGING AN ACCOUNT NAME AT THE SAME SERVICE
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GOVERNMENTAL TESTING, INSPECTION AND COSTS SURCHARGE
WHEN AUTHORIZED IN WRITING BY TOEQ AND AFTER NOTICE TO CUSTOMERS, THE UTILITY MAY
INCREASE RATES TO RECOVER INCREASED COSTS FOR INSPECTION FEES AND WATER TESTING. (16
TAC 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.

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## SECTION 1.0 - RATE SCHEDULE (Continued)

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## Pass Through Provision

The North Harris County Regional Water Authority's well pumpage fees will be passed through to the customers of Albury Manor Utility Company as an adjustment to the gallonage charge on the monthly water bills, in accordance with the following formula:

AG = G + [B/(1 - L)], Where:

AG = adjusted gallonage rate;

G = approved gallonage rate;

G = change in fee (per 1000 gallons);

L = water loss, not to exceed 15%.

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#### **WATER LOSS CALCULATIONS**

#### 1. Gallons Purchased vs Gallons Billed for Calendar Year 2017

	Gallons	Gallons Billed To		
	Purchased	AMUC	Water	%
<u>Month</u>	From HCMUD#401	<u>Customers</u>	Loss	Water Loss
January -'17	288,000	230,000	(58,000)	-20.1%
February-'17	242,000	285,000	43,000	17.8%
March- '17	423,000	388,000	(35,000)	-8.3%
April- '17	726,000	690,000	(36,000)	-5.0%
May- '17	746,000	601,000	(145,000)	-19.4%
June- '17	920,000	908,000	(12,000)	-1.3%
July- '17	1,352,000	1,061,000	(291,000)	-21.5%
August- '17	961,000	837,000	(124,000)	-12.9%
September-'1	7 897,000	819,000	(78,000)	-8.7%
October-'17	907,000	766,000	(141,000)	-15.5%
November-'17	725,000	603,000	(122,000)	-16.8%
December-'17	613,000	483,000	(130,000)	-21.2%
TOTALS	8,800,000	7,671,000	(1,129,000)	-12.8%

**Note:** In September 2008 AMUC ceased pumping it's well due to a change in the EPA's arsenic regulations, and began purchasing water from Harris County MUD # 401. The meter reading cycles for MUD #401 and AMUC are different resulting in months where AMUC is billing for more water than was reported purchased.

## RATE CHANGE CALCULATIONS

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Effective Date	<u>Action</u>	AMUC CALCULATED <u>Gallonage Rate</u>	TCEQ/PUC Approved  Pass Through Formula Calculations
			AG = G+[B/(1-L)] AG = adjusted gallonage rate G= approved gallonage rate B = change in fee(per 1000 gallons) L = water loss, not to exceed 15%
April 15, 2016	Previous PUC approved rate increase to account for April 1, 2014 NHCRWA rate increase to \$2.00/1,000 gal.	\$4.01/1,000 gal. to 1,5000 gal. \$4.66/1,000 gal., 15,000 gal.+	AG = $\$3.76+[(\$2.00-\$1.75)/(1-0.021)] = \$4.01/1000$ gallons up to 15,000 gallons AG = $\$4.41+[(\$2.00-\$1.75)/(1-0.021)] = \$4.66/1000$ gallons over 15,000 gallons
July 15, 2016	Previous PUC approved rate increase to account for NHCRWA rate Increase to \$2.40/1,000 gal. effective April1, 2016.	\$4.41/1,000 gal. to 15,000 gal. \$5.06/1,000 gal. over 15,000 gal.	AG = $4.01+[(2.40-2.00)/(1-0.005)]$ = $4.41/1000$ gallons up to 15,000 gallons AG = $4.66+[(2.40-2.00)/(1-0.005)]$ = $5.06/1000$ gallons over 15,000 gallons
June 15, 2017	Previous PUC approved rate increase to account for NHCRWA rate Increase to \$2.90/1,000 gal. effective April1, 2017.	\$4.94/1,000 gal. to 15,000 gal. \$5.59/1,000 gal. over 15,000 gal.	AG = $4.41+[(2.90-2.40)/(1-0.06)] = 4.94/1000$ gallons up to 15,000 gallons AG = $5.06+[(2.90-2.40)/(1-0.06)] = 5.59/1000$ gallons over 15,000 gallons
June 15, 2018	Proposed rate increase to account for NHCRWA rate Increase to \$3.40/1,000 gal. effective April1, 2018.	\$5.51/1,000 gal. to 15,000 gal. \$6.16/1,000 gal. over 15,000 gal.	AG = \$4.94+[(\$3.40-\$2.90)/(1-0.128)] = \$5.51/1000 gallons up to 15,000 gallons AG = \$5.59+[(\$3.40-\$2.90)/(1-0.128)] = \$6.16/1000 gallons over 15,000 gallons

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#### DRAFT NOTICE OF RATE CHANGE

This rate change is due to the increase in water production fees established by the North Harris County Regional Water Authority (NHCRWA). The Legislation creating the NHCRWA allows it to establish fees, rates, and charges and classifications of fees and rate payers, as necessary to enable the NHCRWA to fulfill its purpose and regulatory obligations. AMUC's customers may go to the NHCRWA website to see copies of the Orders adopted by the NHCRWA establishing these water production fees, at <a href="https://www.nhcrwa.org">www.nhcrwa.org</a>.

This tariff change is being implemented in accordance with AMUC's Pass Through water production fee adjustment clause as contained in AMUC's May 19, 2017 PUC approved water tariff to recognize increases in the water production fees established by the NHCRWA. 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 cost charged to your utility.

Please note that AMUC's basic water rates, approved by the TCEQ in February 1993 have NOT increased. All increases since that date are a result of increases in water production fees established by NHCRWA (pass through charge). AMUC collects and pays these water production fees to the NHCRWA.

The proposed effective date will be effective with the June 15, 2018 billing cycle, for which Notices will be mailed May 15, 2018, and will be reflected on the utility bill mailed on or about June 20, 2018, for which payment will be due on or about July 6, 2018.

AMUC's tariff states that the NHCRWA fees are passed through to customers as an adjustment to the gallonage charge. According to AMUC's tariff, the calculation for the pass-through charge is:

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AG = G+[B/(1-L)], Where
AG = adjusted gallonage rate
G = approved gallonage rate
B = change in fee (per 1,000 gallons)
L = water loss, not to exceed 15%
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The present pass-through calculation and gallonage charge (as noticed to customers on May 15, 2017 and effective June 15, 2017 is:

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AG = \$4.41 + [(\$2.90-\$2.40)/(1-.06)] = \$4.94/1,000 \text{ gallons up to } 15,000 \text{ gallons.}

AG = \$5.06 + [(\$2.90-\$2.40)/(1-.06)] = \$5.06/1,000 \text{ gallons over } 15,000 \text{ gallons.}
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The April 1, 2018 NHCRWA water production fee increase results in the following new pass-through rate calculation and gallonage charge:

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AG = \$4.94 + [(\$3.40-\$2.90)/(1-0.128)] = \$5.51/1,000  gallons up to 15,000 gallons. AG = \$5.59 + [(\$3.40-\$2.90)/(1-0.128)] = \$6.61/1,000  gallons over 15,000 gallons. Where the NHCRWA new charge per 1,000 gallons is $2.90 and new line loss is $0.36.
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AMUC receives \$1.75/1,000 gallons up to 15,000 gallons, and \$2.40/1,000 gallons over 15,000 gallons out of the above rates, which was approved by TCEQ in 1993.

# **EXHIBIT "A"**

North Harris County Regional Water Authority Updated Pricing Policy Effective April 1, 2018

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**UPDATED 12/4/17** 

# UPDATED PRICING POLICY OF THE NORTH HARRIS COUNTY REGIONAL WATER AUTHORITY (Effective April 1, 2018)

This Updated Pricing Policy of the North Harris County Regional Water Authority (this "Updated Pricing Policy") is intended to define the Cost of Water paid to the Authority for Water used within the Authority and is an integral part of the Authority's Rate Order (the "Rate Order"), adopted on October 5, 2009. Unless specifically defined otherwise, capitalized terms in this Updated Pricing Policy shall have the meanings defined in the Rate Order.

Effective April 1, 2018, the following Cost of Water will apply to and be due by users of Water within the Authority:

Authority Water	\$3.85 per 1,000 gallons
Water pumped from a Non-Exempt Well	\$3.40 per 1,000 gallons
Imported Water	\$3.40 per 1,000 gallons

In addition to the above Fees, the Authority shall continue to provide a credit to each Converted Entity that constructed a Chloramine System prior to December 1, 2015 in accordance with the Authority's prior policy and procedures. Such credits shall be calculated as outlined below. Furthermore, any credits for capital contributions paid to the Authority by a Payor shall continue as provided in the applicable written agreement executed between the Payor and the Authority.

The Authority may revise the above Fees and modify, delete or add any credit(s), subject to the provisions of any applicable written agreements, if and when necessary. Payors will be notified of any such changes.

#### **Chloramination Credits**

The annual Chloramination Credit shall be calculated by amortizing the cost of the Chloramine System at 6% interest over a 30-year period, which shall begin the year the facilities are placed in service. The annual Chloramination Credit amount will be divided by 12 and the resultant amount will be credited monthly toward the fees payable to the Authority for the Water used by the Converted Entity.

### New/Replacement Facilities

In order to help facilitate the effective implementation of the GRP, any Payor who anticipates the construction of new or replacement Water production, storage and/or treatment facilities and/or related appurtenances shall advise the Authority of those plans as early in the process as possible. The Authority will review such proposed improvements for conformity with the goals of the GRP and the possibility of the Authority being able to address those needs (i.e., by providing water in lieu of the Payor having to construct or replace facilities). Within the limits of its jurisdiction, the Authority will regulate construction of such facilities to accomplish the goals of the GRP.

## **Policy Implementation**

The General Manager is authorized to take any actions on behalf of the Authority necessary and convenient to accomplish the purposes of this Updated Pricing Policy. The General Manager is also authorized to take actions necessary to comply with any special credit provisions provided under any agreements that may exist between a Payor and the Authority.