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To: Bret W. Fenner, P.E.  
B & D Environmental, Inc.  
200 Harbor Circle  
Georgetown, TX 78633

Commission Staff – Water Utility Regulation Division  
Commission Staff – Legal Division

Re: Tariff Control No. 48220 – *Application of J & S Water Company LLC for a Pass-through Rate Change*

**NOTICE OF APPROVAL**

This Notice addresses J & S Water Company, LLC's application for a pass-through rate change due to an increase in water use fees imposed on the utility by the North Harris County Regional Water Authority (NHCRWA). NHCRWA's rate increase to \$3.40 applies to the Five Oaks, Maple Leaf Gardens, and Oakland Village subdivisions and took effect on April 1, 2018. J & S also requested approval of a pass-through true-up adjustment clause.

On May 11, 2018, the Commission approved an interim pass-through rate of \$4.00 per 1,000 gallons and required J & S to reissue notice to customers with the correct prior approved pass-through rate and tariff control number.

On June 13, 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.

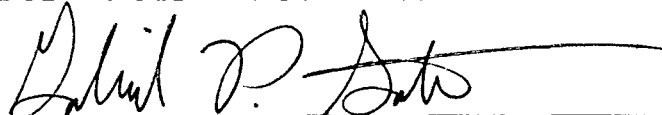
Commission Staff stated that J & S did not support the need for a true-up adjustment clause. Commission Staff noted that under 16 Texas Administrative Code § 24.21(b)(2)(C)(v) and (b)(2)(d) a true-up adjustment is applied when a utility passes through multiple costs from multiple entities. J & S passes through one charge from one utility. Commission Staff recommended denial of the request. The ALJ denies the request for a pass-through true-up adjustment clause.

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In addition, Commission Staff recommended the Commission approve as final a pass-through gallonage rate of \$4.00 per 1,000 gallons of groundwater. Accordingly, the Commission approves as final a pass-through rate of \$4.00 per 1,000 gallons to J & S customers in the Five Oaks, Maple Leaf Gardens, and Oakland Village subdivisions. 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

Handwritten signature of Gabriel P. Soto in black ink, written over a horizontal line.

GABRIEL P. SOTO  
ADMINISTRATIVE LAW JUDGE



**WATER UTILITY TARIFF**  
**Tariff Control Number: 48220**

J & S Water Company, L.L.C.  
(Utility Name) (Business Address)

1905 N. Battle Bell Road

Highlands, TX 77562  
(City, State, Zip Code)

(281) 590-4359  
(Area Code/Telephone)

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

12085

This tariff is effective in the following counties:

Harris, Chambers, and Liberty

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

None

This tariff is effective in the following subdivisions:

Arbor Oaks (PWS #1011493), Five Oaks (PWS #1011832), Maple Leaf Gardens (PWS #1011493), Oakland Village (PWS #1010049), Windfern Meadows (PWS #1011493), and Woodland Acres (Subdivision and Mobile Home Park) (PWS #0360027)

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SECTION 1.0 -- RATE SCHEDULE

Section 1.01 - Rates

<u>Meter Size</u>	<u>Monthly Minimum Charge</u>	<u>Gallage Charge</u>
5/8" or 3/4"	\$23.44 (per connection for all water meter sizes)	\$5.50 per 1,000 gallons over the minimum
1"	<u>\$58.60</u>	
1½"	<u>\$117.20</u>	
2"	<u>\$187.52</u>	
3"	<u>\$351.60</u>	
4"	<u>\$586.00</u>	
6"	<u>\$1,172.00</u>	

\*\*\*Gallage Charge: Gallage charge of \$5.50 per 1,000 gallons includes North Harris County Regional Water Authority's ground water fee surcharge of \$4.00 per 1,000 gallons. (**Tariff Control No. 48220**)

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

Cash X, Check X, Money Order X, Credit Card X, 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.

Phone Payment Fee\*: A fee of five percent (5%) of the amount paid will be charged for all phone payments.

REGULATORY ASSESSMENT..... 1.0%  
 PUC RULES REQUIRE THE UTILITY TO COLLECT A FEE OF ONE PERCENT OF THE RETAIL MONTHLY BILL.

Section 1.02 - Miscellaneous Fees

TAP FEE ..... \$600.00  
 TAP FEE COVERS THE UTILITY'S COSTS FOR MATERIALS AND LABOR TO INSTALL A STANDARD RESIDENTIAL CONNECTION. AN ADDITIONAL FEE TO COVER UNIQUE COSTS IS PERMITTED IF LISTED ON THIS TARIFF

NON-RESIDENTIAL TAP FEE..... Actual Cost  
 THE TAP FEE IS BASED ON THE AVERAGE OF THE UTILITY'S ACTUAL COST FOR MATERIALS AND LABOR FOR NON-RESIDENTIAL CUSTOMERS

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) Nonpayment of bill (Maximum \$25.00)..... \$25.00
- b) Customer's request that service be disconnected ..... \$50.00

SECTION 1.0 -- RATE SCHEDULE (Continued)

TRANSFER FEE .....	<u>\$50.00</u>
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) .....	<u>\$5.00</u>
PUC RULES ALLOW A ONE-TIME PENALTY TO BE CHARGED ON DELINQUENT BILLS. A LATE CHARGE MAY NOT BE APPLIED TO ANY BALANCE TO WHICH THE PENALTY WAS APPLIED IN A PREVIOUS BILLING.	
RETURNED CHECK CHARGE .....	<u>\$30.00</u>
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CUSTOMER DEPOSIT RESIDENTIAL (Maximum \$50) .....	<u>\$50.00</u>
NON-RESIDENTIAL CUSTOMER DEPOSIT .....	<u>1/6<sup>TH</sup> of estimate annual billing</u>
METER TEST FEE .....	<u>\$25.00</u>
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.	
METER CONVERSION FEE .....	<u>Actual Cost</u>
TO CHANGE LOCATION OR INCREASE THE SIZE OF THE METER AT THE CUSTOMER'S REQUEST.	

PASS THROUGH ADJUSTMENT CLAUSE:

The utility may pass on only to those customers served by a system subject to the jurisdiction of the North Harris County Regional Water Authority (NHCRWA) or systems receiving purchased water from the City of Houston Groundwater Reduction Plan (COH GRO), any increase or decrease in its underground water district pumpage fee or purchased water fee, thirty (30) days after noticing of any change to all effected customers and filing notice with the PUC as required by 16 TAC 24.21 (h). The change per customer shall be calculated as follows:

$$AG = G / 1 - L$$

Where:

AG = adjusted gallonage charge, rounded to nearest one cent

G = new gallonage charge (per 1,000 gallons)

L = line loss for the preceding 12 months, not to exceed 15%

$$(A \times B) / C + L [A \times B] / C = \text{increase or decrease to existing gallonage rate}$$

Where:

A = Utility's annualized change in cost of water subjected to district's fee

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