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Re: Tariff Control No. 48307 – *Application of Undine Texas, LLC for a Pass-Through Rate Change*

NOTICE OF APPROVAL

This Notice addresses Undine Texas, LLC's application for a pass-through rate change due to an increased well pumpage fee imposed on the utility by the North Harris County Regional Water Authority (NHCRWA). NHCRWA's rate increase from \$2.90 per thousand gallons to \$3.40 applies to the Cypress Bend subdivision of Undine Texas and took effect on April 1, 2018. Undine Texas proposed an increase to \$5.28 per thousand gallons which includes recovery for line loss.

Commission Staff recommends that the Commission set the rate at \$4.00 per 1,000 gallons. Undine's proposed rate increase request included line loss of 35.6% which exceeds Commission Staff's recommended maximum line loss of 15%. Undine did not include justification for a line loss recovery greater than 15% in its application.

On May 23, 2018, Commission Staff recommended that the administrative law judge deem the application and notice sufficient. Commission Staff recommends the Commission approve a pass-through gallonage rate of \$4.00 per thousand gallons. Additionally, Commission Staff recommends that the Commission order Undine to refund any overcharges charged to its ratepayers if they are already charging the \$5.28 per 1,000-gallon rate. Undine should file a notarized affidavit attesting to the calculation, issuance, and amount of any such refunds within 45 days of the date of this Notice.



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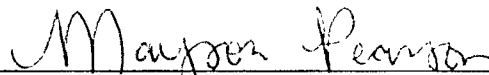
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The Commission approves the application of Undine Texas to pass-through a rate increase of \$4.00 per thousand gallons to Undine Texas' customers, as recommended by Commission Staff. The approved amended tariff pages provided by Commission Staff are attached to this Notice.

Undine shall refund any overcharges charged to its ratepayers if the \$5.28 per 1,000 gallon rate has already begun being charged. Undine shall file a notarized affidavit attesting to the calculation, issuance, and amount of any such refunds within 45 days of the date of this Order.

Signed at Austin, Texas the 25th day of May 2018.

PUBLIC UTILITY COMMISSION OF TEXAS



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ADMINISTRATIVE LAW JUDGE