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## QUADVEST, L.P.'S SUPPLEMENTAL FILING

TO THE HONORABLE ADMINISTRATIVE LAW JUDGE:

Quadvest, L.P. ("Quadvest") files this supplemental filing regarding its request for approval to implement a revised version of the Federal Tax Change Credit Rider ("FTCCR"). In support thereof, Quadvest states the following:

On April 30, 2018, Quadvest filed an application for approval to implement a new FTCCR, which will be used to provide a credit to Quadvest customers for bills rendered on or after May 1, 208. Quadvest developed the FTCCR as a means to pass estimated savings resulting from the federal Tax Cuts and Job Acts of 2017 corporate income tax rate reduction to customers as quickly as possible without a rate case.

On May 30, 2018 Commission Staff filed is Sufficiency Recommendation finding that Quadvest's application to be found administratively complete.

On August 30, 2018, a Notice Granting Request for Extension was granted extending the relevant deadline to September 21, 2018, therefore this response it timely filed.

Accordingly, Quadvest hereby requests the Commission approve the revised version of the FTCCR as set forth in the attached Exhibit 1.

Respectfully submitted,

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## **CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE**

I hereby certify by my signature above that a true and correct copy of the foregoing document was served by U.S. Mail on this the 19<sup>th</sup> day of September, 2018, to the following:

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## EXHIBIT 1

# RESPONSE TO COMMISSION STAFF'S SUFFICIENCY RECOMMENDATION

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September 18, 2018

Public Utility Commission of Texas Central Records 1701 N. Congress Avenue Austin, TX 78701

Re: PUC Docket No #48323 Minor Tariff Change Request Resulting From Change in Federal Tax Law

Dear Central Records,

Quadvest LP ("Quadvest") hereby requests Public Utility Commission of Texas ("PUC" or "Commission") approval for Quadvest to implement a revised version of the Federal Tax Change Credit Rider ("FTCCR"). The proposed revision will increase the credit rider for bills issued after January 1, 2019. Quadvest is not proposing changes to the original credit rider request for the period from May 1, 2018 through December 31, 2018.

Quadvest's <u>revised</u> FTCCR was developed using the methodology described below, see <u>EXHIBIT A</u> for additional FTCCR calculation details:

- Quadvest used its 2018 budgeted income before federal income tax (FIT) of \$2,581,743 as a starting
  point for the FTCCR calculation. Quadvest does not budget at the tariff division level (i.e. Water,
  Sewer, Other), therefore the 2018 budget figures were split into respective tariff divisions using
  FY2017 actual ratios. The "other" tariff division consists of multiple unconsolidated tariffs resulting
  for several recent acquisitions including Westside Water, Caddo Village, and HMW.
- 2. Quadvest multiplied its "2018 Budgeted Income Before FIT" by a "FIT rate difference of 14% (35% to 21%)" and "grossed up" calculated tax savings by the current tax effect of 21%, which results in total a "estimated annual federal tax change credit due customers" of \$457,524 for FY2018 and \$492,102 for FY2019. The revision to the FTCCR increased the overall credit by approximately \$35,000 for FY2019.
- 3. Quadvest divided "estimated annual federal tax change credit due customers" for each tariff division by corresponding "estimated annual billable water and sewer LUEs" for each tariff division to arrive at the "proposed monthly FTCCR per LUE". As an example, the FTCCR that will be applied to a customer's 5/8 inch bill between May 1, 2018 and December 31, 2018 will be \$0.53 for water, \$6.82 for sewer and \$1.08 for other water/sewer tariffs. Then, the FTCCR to be applied to customer's 5/8 inch bill on or after January 1, 2019 will drop to \$0.42 for water, \$4.66 for sewer, and \$.78 for other water/sewer tariffs. The higher FY2018 rate is result of the FY2018 FTCCR returning approximately 341 days' (January 25, 2018 to December 31, 2018) worth of customer credit over a shortened 214-day reimbursement period (May 1, 2018 through December 31, 2018). In addition, the Regulatory Assessment Fee of 1% will include the credit, which will ultimately reduce the regulatory assessment fee amount on each of our customers' bills.



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Finally, Quadvest believes the proposed FTCCR of approximately \$458,000+ annually will likely be in excess of any actual tax savings resulting from the TCJA, noting the TCJA contains several provisions that are not favorable to our industry and overall impact of these provisions is currently unclear.

If you have any comments or questions regarding the information provided, please do not hesitate to contact me directly.

Simon Sequeira

President of Quadvest

Enclosed?

Exhibit A - Quadvest's Federal Tax Change Credit Rider ("FTCCR") (Revised) - Fixed Rate Adjustment

Quadvest FTCCR Calculation (Budget 2018)	Quadvest Water	Quadvest Sewer	Quadvest Other	Total 2018 Budget
2018 Budgeted Income Before FIT *	460,290	1,979,774	141,680	2,581,743
FIT Rate Difference of 14% (35% to 21%)	14%	14%	14%	14%
Estimated Annual Federal Tax Change Credit Due Customers (Including "Gross Up") **	(81,570)	(350,846)	(25,108)	(457,524)
Estimated Annual Billable Water And Sewer LUEs (Based Upon EOY FY2018) *	194,520	75,270	32,066	301,856
Proposed Monthly FTCCR Per LUE (January 1, 2019 until rates are changed in next rate filing)	(0.42)	(4.66)	(0.78)	n.a.
Estimated 2018 Federal Tax Change Credit Due Customers (January 25, 2018 to December 31, 2018) - 341 Days (Including "Gross Up") **	(76,207)	(327,777)	(23,457)	(427,440)
Estimated Billable Water And Sewer LUEs (May 1, 2018 to December 31, 2018) - 245 Days *	143,065	48,083	21,741	212,890
Proposed Monthly FTCCR Per LUE (May 1, 2018 to December 31, 2018)	(0.53)	(6.82)	(1.08)	n.a.

#### Notes:

\* The 2018 budget information included in this document is forward looking in nature and therefore contains assumptions, expectations, and plans concerning future events and their potential effect upon Quadvest. As a result of the forward looking nature of such information, actual results could differ materially from the information expressed within this document.

\*\* The estimated 14% tax savings was "grossed up" using the following formula: (14% tax savings) / (1-current tax rate @ 21%) in order to arrive at the estimated annual federal tax change credit due customers.

Revised Versus Original Credit Rider

Initially Proposed 2019 Credit Rider (Using Average 2019 Connections)	(0.37)	(4 37)	(0.78)	
Proposed 2019 Credit Rider Using End Of Year 2018 Connections (Updated)	(0 42)	(4.66)	(0 78)	1
Variance	0 05	0.29	0 00	1
Annual LUE Billed (FY19)	203,718	83,904	32,066	
Additional Refund Projection For FY19	10,052	24,430	96	34,578
	12%	7%	0%	8%
Total Estimated Credit For FY2019				492,102

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Meter Size	Westside Water	Westside Sewer	HMW Sewer	Caddo Sewer	QV Water	QV Sewer	Eq. Factor	Westside Water	Westside Sewer	HMW Sewer	Caddo Sewer	Water Eq.	Sewer Eq.					
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3/4"	559	549			11	2	15	839	824	-		17	3					
1"	59	56	4		2,063	149	25	148	140	10	-	5,208	373					
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Quadvest Meter Count @ 12.31.19 (Estimated)

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Meter Size	Westside Water	Westside Sewer	HMW Sewer	Caddo Sewer	2018 & 2019 Water Taps	QV Water	2018 & 2019 Sewer Taps	QV Sewer	Eq. Factor	Westside Water	Westside Sewer	HMW Sewer	Caddo Sewer	Water Eq.	Sewer Eq.
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Quadvest 2018 FTCCR By Customer Meter Size (May 1, 2018 to December 31, 2018)	Quadvest Water	Quadvest Sewer	Westside Water	Westside Sewer	Caddo Village Sewer	HMW Sewer
5/8"	(0.53)	(6.82)	(1.08)	(1.08)	(1.08)	(1 08)
3/4"	(0.53)	(6.82)	(1.62)	(1.08)	(1.08)	(1.08)
1"	(1.33)	(6.82)	(2.70)	(1.08)	(1.80)	(1.80)
1.5"	(2.66)	(34.08)	(5.39)	(1.08)	(5.39)	(3.60)
2"	(4.26)	(54.54)	(8.63)	(5.75)	(8.63)	(5.75)
2 1/2"	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	(8.63)
3"	(7.99)	(102.25)	(16.18)	(10.79)	(16.18)	(10.79)
4"	(13.32)	(170.42)	(32.37)	(21.58)	(26.97)	(17.98)
6"	(26.63)	(340.84)	n.a.	n.a.	(53.95)	n.a.
8"	(42.61)	(545.35)	n.a.	n.a.	(86.31)	n.a.
10"	(61.26)	(783.94)	n.a.	n.a.	(124.08)	n.a.
12"	(114.52)	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.

2019 FTCCR By Customer Meter Size (January 1, 2019 until rates are changed in next rate filing)	Quadvest Water	Quadvest Sewer	Westside Water	Westside Sewer	Caddo Village Sewer	HMW Sewer
5/8"	(0.42)	(4.66)	(0.78)	(0.78)	(0.78)	(0.78)
3/4"	(0.42)	(4.66)	(1.18)	(0.78)	(0.78)	(0.78)
1"	(1.05)	(4.66)	(1.96)	(0.78)	(1.31)	(1.31)
1.5"	(2.10)	(23.31)	(3.92)	(0.78)	(3.92)	(2.61)
2"	(3.35)	(37.29)	(6.26)	(4.18)	(6.26)	(4.18)
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3"	(6.29)	(69.92)	(11.75)	(7.83)	(11.75)	(7.83)
4"	(10.48)	(116.53)	(23.49)	(15.66)	(19.58)	(13.05)
6"	(20.97)	(233.06)	n.a.	n.a.	(39.15)	n.a.
8"	(33.55)	(372.89)	n.a.	n.a.	(62.64)	n.a.
10"	(48.22)	(536.03)	n.a.	n.a.	(90.05)	n.a.
12"	(90.16)	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.

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Magnolia, Texas 77354

Commission Staff - Water Utility Regulation

Commission Staff - Legal Division

RE:

Tariff Control No. 48323-Application of Quadvest, L.P., for a Minor Tariff Change

### NOTICE SETTING DEADLINE FOR STAFF'S RECOMMENDATION

This Notice addresses the April 30, 2018 application of Quadvest, L.P., for approval to implement a new Federal Tax Change Credit Rider (FTCCR) which will be used to provide a credit to Quadvest customers effective for bills rendered on or after May 1, 2018. Quadvest developed the FTCCR as a means to pass estimated savings resulting from the federal Tax Cuts and Jobs Act of 2017 corporate income tax rate reduction to customers as fast as possible without a rate case.

On or before May 30, 2018, Commission Staff shall file a recommendation or propose a procedural schedule, if necessary.

Signed at Austin, Texas the \_\_\_\_\_ day of May 2018.

PUBLIC UTILITY COMMISSION OF TEXAS

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DIRECTOR, DOCKET MANAGEMENT

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