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APPLICATION OF QUADVEST, L.P. FOR A MINOR TARIFF CHANGE

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# SUPPLEMENT TO JOINT MOTION TO ADMIT EVIDENCE AND PROPOSED NOTICE OF APPROVAL

**COMES NOW** the Staff of the Public Utility Commission of Texas ("Staff"), representing the public interest, and files this Supplement to the December 21, 2018 Joint Motion to Admit Evidence and Proposed Notice of Approval. In support thereof, the Parties show the following:

#### I. BACKGROUND AND SUPPLEMENT

On April 30, 2018, Quadvest, L.P (Quadvest) filed an application with the Commission for approval to implement a new Federal Tax Credit Rider ("FTCCR"), which will be used to provide a credit to Quadvest customers for bills rendered on or after May 1, 2018.

On December 21, 2018, parties filed proposed findings of fact, conclusions of law, and ordering paragraphs. Those documents included Staff's Tariff Filing, which inadvertently only included a water tariff for Quadvest, and omitted the necessary sewer tariff. The sewer tariff is attached to this filing.

#### IV. CONCLUSION

Staff respectfully request that the December 21, 2018 filing be supplemented with the attached sewer tariff.

Respectfully Submitted,

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#### **CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE**

I certify that a copy of this document will be served on all parties of record on January 4, 2019 in accordance with 16 TAC § 22.74.

Joshua Adam Barron



# **SEWER UTILITY TARIFF**

Docket Number: 48323

Quadvest, L.P. (Utility Name)

P.O. Box 409 (Business Address)

Tomball, Texas 77377 (City, State, Zip Code)

281/356-5347 (Area Code/Telephone)

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

# 20952

This tariff is effective in the following county:

# Harris, Montgomery

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

#### None

This tariff is effective in the following subdivisions and water quality permit numbers:

# See attached list.

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# LIST OF SUBDIVISION AND SYSTEMS

	<del></del>
Bauer Landing	WQ0014675-001
Old Town Spring	WQ0013819-001
Bella Vista	WQ0015061-001
Benders Landing Estates	WQ0014755-001
Caddo Village*	WQ0012670-001
Camino Real	WQ0015452-001
Coe Country/Victoria Station*	WQ0014266-001
Creekside Village	WQ0014531-001
Decker Oaks Estates	WQ0015003-001
Freeman Ranch	WQ0014943-001
Grande San Jacinto	WQ0015192-001
Lake House*	WQ0015101-001
Lakes of Fairhaven*	WQ0014434-001
Lake Pointe Estates*	WQ0012370-001
Lone Star Ranch	WQ0014029-001
Lakes of Magnolia	WQ0014542-001
Magnolia Reserve	WQ0015317-001
Mostyn Manor	WQ0014711-001
Mostyn Springs	WQ0014711-001
Rancho San Vicente	WQ0015061-001
Summerset Estates	WQ0014029-001
Villa Nueva	WQ0015061-001
Village of Decker Oaks	WQ0015003-001

<sup>\*</sup>Lake Point Estates, Lake House, Lake Fairhaven, Caddo Village, and Coe Country/Victoria Station subdivisions have separate tariff pages.

#### **SECTION 1.0 - RATE SCHEDULE**

#### Rates Effective April 8, 2013

Meter Size	Monthly Flat Rate
	(Includes 0 gallons)
5/8" x 3/4"	<u>\$67.50</u>
3/4"	<u>\$67.50</u>
1"	<u>\$67.50</u>
11/2"	<u>\$337.50</u>
2"	<u>\$540.00</u>
3"	\$1,012.50
4"	<b>\$1,687.50</b>
6"	<b>\$3,375.00</b>
8"	<b>\$5,400.00</b>
10"	<u>\$7,762.50</u>

Residential sewer service will be billed the monthly flat rate only.

Non-residential service connections will be billed the monthly flat rate plus \$3.33 per 1,000 gallons of actual water meter usage as supplied by the water utility.

Rates Effective January 8, 2014

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Meter Size	Monthly Flat Rate
	(Includes 0 gallons)
5/8" x 3/4"	<u>\$76.00</u>
3/4"	<u>\$76.00</u>
1"	<u>\$76.00</u>
11/2"	<u>\$380.00</u>
2"	<u>\$608.00</u>
3"	<u>\$1,140.00</u>
4"	\$1,900.00
6"	\$3,800.00
8"	\$6,080.00
10"	\$8,740.00

Residential sewer service will be billed the monthly flat rate only.

Non-residential service connections will be billed the monthly flat rate plus \$3.33 per 1,000 gallons of actual water meter usage as supplied by the water utility.

FEDERAL TAX CHANGE CREDIT RIDER (fixed rate adjustment) [Tariff Control No. 48323]

5/8 or 3/4"	<u>\$(1.08)</u>
1"	<b>\$(1.80)</b>
11/2"	\$(5.39)
2"	\$(8.63)
3"	\$(16.18)
4"	\$(26.97)
6" ·	\$(53.95)
8"	\$(86.31)
10"	\$(124.08)

# SECTION 1.0 - RATE SCHEDULE (Continued)

FORM OF PAYMENT: The utility will accept the following forms of payment:  Cash X, Check X, Money Order X, Credit Card X, Other (specify) Bank Draft  THE UTILITY MAY REQUIRE EXACT CHANGE FOR PAYMENTS AND MAY REFUSE 10 ACCEPT PAYMENTS MADE USING MORE THAN \$1.00 IN SMALL COINS. A WRITTEN RECEIPT WILL BE GIVEN FOR CASH PAYMENTS
REGULATORY ASSESSMENT
Section 1.02 - Miscellaneous Fees
TAP FEE (Gravity Sewer) for 5/8 x 3/4-inch water meter
TAP FEE
TAP FEE (Large Meter)
TAP FEE (Unique costs)
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\$50.00
TRANSFER FEE
LATE CHARGE (EITHER \$5.00 OR 10% OF THE BILL)
RETURNED CHECK CHARGE\$25.00 RETURNED CHECK CHARGES MUST BE BASED ON THE UTILITY'S DOCUMENTABLE COST.
CUSTOMER DEPOSIT RESIDENTIAL (Maximum \$50)\$50.00
COMMERCIAL & NON-RESIDENTIAL DEPOSIT1/6TH OF ESTIMATED ANNUAL BILL
SERVICE RELOCATION FEE

#### SECTION 1.0 - RATE SCHEDULE CONT.

#### SEASONAL RECONNECTION FEE:

BASE RATE TIMES NUMBER OF MONTHS OFF THE SYSTEM NOT TO EXCEED SIX MONTHS WHEN LEAVE AND RETURN WITHIN A TWELVE MONTH PERIOD.

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

WHEN AUTHORIZED IN WRITING BY PUC AND AFTER NOTICE TO CUSTOMERS, THE UTILITY MAY INCREASE RATES TO RECOVER INCREASED COSTS FOR INSPECTION FEES AND WATER TESTING [16 TAC § 24.25(b)(2)(G)]

#### 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.

#### SECTION 1.0 - RATE SCHEDULE

Meter Size	Monthly Flat Rate
5/8" x 3/4"	\$33.00
1"	\$55.00
11/2"	\$110.00
2"	\$176.00
21/2"	\$264.00
3"	\$330.00
4"	\$550.00

Residential sewer service will be billed the monthly flat rate plus \$7.00 per 1,000 gallons of actual water meter usage.

For sewer rate purposes, residential water usage is based on the average water consumption for December, January and February and is reset annually. Users without usage experience for those months shall be billed \$63.00 per month, based on a 5/8" meter. Non-residential customers are billed on each month's metered water consumption.

# FEDERAL TAX CHANGE CREDIT RIDER (fixed rate adjustment) [Tariff Control No. 48323]

5/8 or 3/4"	<u>\$(1.08)</u>
1"	<u>\$(1.80)</u>
11/2"	<b>\$</b> (3.60)
2"	<b>\$</b> (5.75)
21/2"	\$(8.63)
3"	\$(10.79)
4"	\$(17.98)

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

Cash X, Check X, Money Order X, Credit Card X, Other (specify) Bank Draft

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.

# Section 1.02 - Miscellaneous Fees

# Quadvest, L.P.

# Formerly H-M-W Special Utility District

#### 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

FROM AN EXISTING UTILITY CUSTOMER.

RETURNED CHECK CHARGE \$25.00 RETURNED CHECK CHARGES MUST BE BASED ON THE UTILITY'S DOCUMENTABLE COST.

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

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

EQUIPMENT DAMAGE FEE:

IF FACILITIES OR EQUIPMENT HAVE BEEN DAMAGED DUE TO TAMPERING, NEGLIGENCE, OR UNAUTHORIZED USE OF EQUIPMENT, RIGHT-OF-WAY, OR DUE TO OTHER ACTS FOR WHICH THE UTILITY INCURS LOSSES OR DAMAGES SHOWN TO BE CAUSED BY THE CUSTOMER, THE CUSTOMER SHALL BE LIABLE FOR THE ACTUAL COSTS FOR ALL LABOR, MATERIAL, AND EQUIPMENT USE FEES NECESSARY FOR REPAIR, REPLACEMENT, OR OTHER CORRECTIVE ACTIONS TAKEN BY THE UTILITY. THE UTILITY SHALL PROVIDE AN ITEMIZED BILL OF SUCH CHARGES TO THE CUSTOMER. EXCEPT IN CASES OF METER TAMPERING OR SERVICE DIVERSION, THE UTILITY MAY NOT DISCONNECT SERVICE, OR REFUSE RECONNECTION, OF A CUSTOMER REFUSING TO PAY DAMAGE CHARGES.

# CUSTOMER SERVICE INSPECTION FEE.....\$75.00

SERVICE APPLICANTS MAY CHOOSE TO HAVE CUSTOMER SERVICE INSPECTIONS REQUIRED BY TCEQ RULE § 290.46(j) PERFORMED BY ANY STATE LICENSED INSPECTOR OF THEIR CHOICE. UNLESS THE SERVICE APPLICANT CHOOSES TO ARRANGE FOR AND PAY FOR THE INSPECTION INDEPENDENTLY, THE UTILITY MAY CHARGE SERVICE APPLICANTS THE CUSTOMER SERVICE INSPECTION FEE AT THE TIME THEY APPLY FOR SERVICE.

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

WHEN AUTHORIZED IN WRITING BY PUC AND AFTER NOTICE TO CUSTOMERS, THE UTILITY MAY INCREASE RATES TO RECOVER INCREASED COSTS FOR INSPECTION FEES AND WATER TESTING. [16 TAC § 24.25(b)(2)(G)]

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REFER TO SECTION 3.0--EXTENSION POLICY FOR TERMS, CONDITIONS, AND CHARGES WHEN NEW CONSTRUCTION IS NECESSARY TO PROVIDE SERVICE

# SECTION 1.0 -- RATE SCHEDULE

# Section 1.01 - Rates

Meter Size	Monthly Minimum Charge	Gallonage Charge
5/8"	\$70.00 (Includes all gallons - Residential)	\$4.50 per 1000 gallons for
3/4"	\$70.00	all gallons - Non-residential
1"	\$70.00	-
11/2"	\$70.00	
2"	\$373.36	
3"	\$700.05	
4"	\$1400.10	
FEDERAL TA	X CHANGE CREDIT RIDER (fixed rate adjustmen	t)   Tariff Control No. 483231
5/8 or 3/4		(1 11 9) Community
1"	\$(1.08)	
11/2"	\$(1.08)	
2"	\$(5.75)	
3"	\$(10.79)	
4"	\$(21.58)	
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REGULATO	RY ASSESSMENT	1.0%
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Section 1.02	- Miscellaneous Fees	
TAP FEE		\$ <u>750.00</u>
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TAP FEE (I	Large meter)	Actual Cost
TAP FE	EE IS THE UTILITY'S ACTUAL COST FOR MATERIALS AN	ID LABOR FOR METER SIZE INSTALLED.

## 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) Nonpayment of bill (Maximum \$25.00)......\$25.00 b) Customer's request that service be disconnected .......\$40.00 THE TRANSFER FEE WILL BE CHARGED FOR CHANGING AN ACCOUNT NAME AT THE SAME SERVICE LOCATION WHEN THE SERVICE IS NOT DISCONNECTED PUC RULES ALLOW A ONE-TIME PENALTY TO BE CHARGED ON DELINOUENT BILLS. A LATE CHARGE MAY NOT BE APPLIED TO ANY BALANCE TO WHICH THE PENALTY WAS APPLIED IN A PREVIOUS BILLING. RETURNED CHECK CHARGE .....\$35.00 RETURNED CHECK CHARGES MUST BE BASED ON THE UTILITY'S DOCUMENTABLE COST. 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 MAY INCREASE RATES TO RECOVER INCREASED COSTS FOR INSPECTION FEES AND WATER TESTING. [16 TAC § 24.25(b)(2)(G)].

# 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.

#### SECTION 2.0 – SERVICE RULES AND POLICIES

The utility will have the most current Public Utility Commission of Texas (PUC or Commission) Rules, Chapter 24, available at its office for reference purposes. The Rules and this tariff shall be available for public inspection and reproduction at a reasonable cost. The latest Rules or Commission approved changes to the Rules supersede any rules or requirements in this tariff.

## Section 2.01 – Application for Sewer Service

All applications for service will be made on the utility's standard application or contract form (attached in the Appendix to this tariff), will be signed by the applicant, any required fees (deposits, reconnect, tap, extension fees, etc. as applicable) will be paid and easements, if required, will be granted before service is provided by the utility. A separate application or contract will be made for each service location.

#### Section 2.02 - Refusal of Service

The utility may decline to serve an applicant until the applicant has complied with the regulations of the regulatory agencies (state and municipal regulations) and for the reasons outlined in the PUC Rules. In the event that the utility refused to serve an applicant, the utility will inform the applicant in writing of the basis of its refusal. The utility is also required to inform the applicant that a complaint may be filed with the Commission.

# Section 2.03 - Fees and Charges & Easements Required Before Service Can Be Connected

#### (A) Customer Deposits

If a residential applicant cannot establish credit to the satisfaction of the utility, the applicant may be required to pay a deposit as provided for in Section 1.02 – Miscellaneous Fees of this tariff. The utility will keep records of the deposit and credit interest in accordance with PUC Rules.

Residential applicants 65 years of age or older may not be required to pay deposits unless the applicant has an outstanding account balance with the utility or another water or sewer utility which accrued within the last two years.

Nonresidential applicants who cannot establish credit to the satisfaction of the utility may be required to make a deposit that does not exceed an amount equivalent to one-sixth of the estimated annual billings.

Refund of deposit – If service is not connected, or after disconnection of service, the utility will promptly refund the customer's deposit plus accrued interest or the balance, if any, in excess of the unpaid bills for service furnished. The utility may refund the deposit at any time prior to termination of utility service but must refund the deposit plus interest for any residential customer who has paid 18 consecutive without being delinquent.

# (B) Tap or Reconnect Fees

A new customer requesting service at a location where service has not previously been provided must pay a tap fee as provided in Section 1. A customer requesting service where service has previously been provided must pay a reconnect fee as provided in Section 1. Any applicant or existing customer required to pay for any costs not specifically set forth in the rate schedule pages of this tariff shall be given a written explanation of such costs prior to request for payment and/or commencement of construction. If the applicant or existing customer does not believe that these costs are reasonable or necessary, the applicant or existing customer shall be informed of their right to appeal such costs to the PUC or such other regulatory authority having jurisdiction over the utility's rate in that portion of the utility's service area in which the applicant's or existing customer's property(ies) is located.

Fees in addition to the regulate tap fee may be charged to cover unique costs not normally incurred as permitted by 16 TAC § 24.163(a)(1)(C) if they are listed on this approved tariff. For example, a road bore for customers outside a subdivision or residential area could be considered a unique cost.

# (C) Easement Requirement

Where recorded public utility easements on the service applicant's property do not exist or public road right-of-way easements are not available to access the applicant's property, the Utility may require the applicant to provide it with a permanent recorded public utility easement on and across the applicant's real property sufficient to provide service to that applicant. Such easement(s) shall not be used for the construction of production, storage, transmission or pressure facilities unless they are needed for adequate service to that applicant.

#### Section 2.04 - Utility Response to Applications for Service

After the applicant has met all the requirements, conditions and regulations for service, the utility will install tap and utility cut-off and/or take all necessary actions to initiate service. The utility will serve each qualified applicant for service within 5 working days unless line extensions or new facilities are required. If construction is required to fill the order and if it cannot be completed within 30 days, the utility will provide the applicant with a written explanation of the construction required and an expected date of service.

Except for good cause where service has previously been provided, service will be reconnected within one working day after the applicant has met the requirements for reconnection.

#### Section 2.05 - Customer Responsibility

The customer will be responsible for furnishing and laying the necessary customer service pipe from the tap location to the place of consumption. Customers will not be allowed to use the utility's cutoff.

#### 2.06 - Access to Customer's Premises

All customers or service applicants shall provide access to utility cutoffs at all times reasonably necessary to conduct ordinary utility business and after normal business hours as needed to protect and preserve the integrity of the public drinking water supply.

#### Section 2.07 - Back Flow Prevention Devices

No water connection shall be made to any establishment where an actual or potential contamination or system hazard exists without an approved air gap or mechanical backflow prevention assembly. The air gap or backflow prevention assembly shall be installed in accordance with the American Water Works Association (AWWA) standards C510, C511 and AWWA Manual M14 or the University of Southern California Manual of Cross-Connection Control, current edition. The backflow assembly installation by a licensed plumber shall occur at the customer's expense.

The back flow assembly shall be tested upon installation by a recognized prevention assembly tester and certified to be operating within specifications. Back flow prevention assemblies which are installed to provide protection against high health hazards must be tested and certified to be operating within specifications at least annually by a recognized back flow prevention device tester. The maintenance and testing of the back flow assembly shall occur at the customer's expense.

#### Section 2.10 - Billing

#### (A) Regular Billing

Bills from the utility will be mailed monthly unless otherwise authorized by the Commission. The due date of bills for utility service will be at least sixteen (16) days from the date of issuance. The postmark on the bill or, if there is no postmark on the bill, the recorded date of mailing by the utility will constitute proof of the date of issuance. Payment for utility service is delinquent if full payment, including late fees and the regulatory assessment, is not received at the utility or the utility's authorized payment agency by 5:00 p.m. on the due date. If the due date falls on a holiday or weekend, the due date for payment purposes will be the next workday after the due date.

#### (B) Late Fees

A late penalty of either \$5.00 or 10% will be charged on bills received after the due date. The penalty on delinquent bills will not be applied to any balance to which the penalty was applied in a previous billing. The utility must maintain a record of the date of mailing to charge the late penalty.

#### (C) Information on Bill

Each bill will provide all information required by the PUC Rules. For each of the systems it operates, the utility will maintain and note on the monthly bill a local or toll-free telephone number (or numbers) to which customers can direct questions about their utility service.

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In the event of a dispute between a customer and a utility regarding any bill for utility service, the utility will conduct an investigation and report the results to the customer. If the dispute is not resolved, the utility will inform the customer that the complaint may be filed with the Commission.

## (D) Prorated Bills

If service is interrupted or seriously impaired for 24 consecutive hours or more, the utility will prorate the monthly base bill in proportion to the time service was not available to reflect this loss of service.

#### Section 2.11- Payments

All payments for utility service shall be delivered or mailed to the utility's business office. If the business office fails to receive payment prior to the time of noticed disconnection for non-payment of a delinquent account, service will be terminated as scheduled. Utility service crews shall not be allowed to collect payments on customer accounts in the field.

Payment of an account by any means that has been dishonored and returned by the payor or payee's bank, shall be deemed to be delinquent. All returned payments must be redeemed with cash or valid money order. If a customer has two returned payments within a twelve month period, the customer shall be required to pay a deposit if one has not already been paid.

#### Section 2.12 - Service Disconnection

#### (A) With Notice

Utility service may be disconnected if the bill has not been paid in full by the date listed on the termination notice. The termination date must be at least 10 days after the notice is mailed or hand delivered. The utility is encouraged to offer a deferred payment plan to a customer who cannot pay an outstanding bill in full and is willing to pay the balance in reasonable installments. However, a customer's utility service may be disconnected if a bill has not been paid or a deferred payment agreement entered into within 26 days from the date of issuance of a bill and if proper notice of termination has been given.

Notice of termination must be a separate mailing or hand delivery in accordance with the PUC Rules.

# (B) Without Notice

Utility service may also be disconnected without notice for reasons as described in the PUC Rules.

#### Section 2.13 - Reconnection of Service

Utility personnel must be available during normal business hours to accept payments on the day service is disconnected and the following day unless service was disconnected at the customer's request or due to a hazardous condition. Service will be reconnected within 24 hours after the past due bill, reconnect fees and any other outstanding charges are paid or the conditions which caused service to be disconnected are corrected.

#### Section 2.14 - Service Interruptions

The utility will make all reasonable efforts to prevent interruptions of service. If interruptions occur, the utility will re-establish service within the shortest possible time. Except for momentary interruptions due to automatic equipment operations, the utility will keep a complete record of all interruptions, both emergency and scheduled and will notify the Commission in writing of any service interruptions affecting the entire system or any major division of the system lasting more than four hours. The notice will explain the cause of the interruptions.

# Section 2.15 - Quality of Service

The utility will plan, furnish, and maintain and operate production, treatment, storage, transmission, and collection facilities of sufficient size and capacity to provide continuous and adequate service for all reasonable consumer uses and to treat sewage and discharge effluent of the quality required by its discharge permit issued by the Commission. Unless otherwise authorized by the Commission, the utility will maintain facilities as described in the PUC and TCEQ Rules.

# Section 2.16 - Customer Complaints and Disputes

If a customer or applicant for service lodges a complaint, the utility will promptly make a suitable investigation and advise the complainant of the results. Service will not be disconnected pending completion of the investigation. If the complainant is dissatisfied with the utility's response, the utility must advise the complainant that he has recourse through the PUC complaint process. Pending resolution of a complaint, the commission may require continuation or restoration of service.

The utility will maintain a record of all complaints which shows the name and address of the complainant, the date and nature of the complaint and the adjustment or disposition thereof, for a period of two years after the final settlement of the complaint.

In the event of a dispute between a customer and a utility regarding any bill for utility service, the utility will conduct an investigation and report the results to the customer. If the dispute is not resolved, the utility will inform the customer that a complaint may be filed with the Commission.

# Section 2.17 - Customer Liability

Customer shall be liable for any damage or injury to utility-owned property shown to be caused by the customer.

#### **SECTION 3.0 -- EXTENSION POLICY**

#### Section 3.01 - Standard Extension Requirements

Line Extension and Construction Charges: No Contribution in Aid of Construction may be required of any customer except as provided for in this approved extension policy.

The Utility is not required to extend service to any applicant outside of its certified service area and will only do so under terms and conditions mutually agreeable to the Utility and the applicant, in compliance with PUC rules and policies, and upon extension of the Utility's certified service area boundaries by the PUC.

The applicant for service will be given an itemized statement of the costs, options such as rebates to the customer, sharing of construction costs between the utility and the customer, or sharing of costs between the customer and other applicants prior to beginning construction.

# Section 3.02 - Costs Utilities and Service Applicants Shall Bear

Within its certified area, the utility will pay the cost of the first 200 feet of any water main or distribution line necessary to extend service to an individual residential customer within a platted subdivision.

However, if the residential customer requesting service purchased the property after the developer was notified in writing of the need to provide facilities to the utility, the utility may charge for the first 200 feet. The utility must also be able to document that the developer of the subdivision refused to provide facilities compatible with the utility's facilities in accordance with the utility's approved extension policy after receiving a written request from the utility.

Residential customers will be charged the equivalent of the costs of extending service to their property from the nearest collection line even if that line does not have adequate capacity to serve the customer. However, if the customer places unique, non-standard service demands upon the system, the customer may be charged the additional cost of extending service to and throughout their property, including the cost of all necessary transmission and storage facilities necessary to meet the service demands anticipated to be created by that property.

Unless an exception is granted by the PUC, the residential service applicant shall not be required to pay for costs of main extensions greater than 6" in diameter for gravity wastewater lines.

#### SECTION 3.0 -- EXTENSION POLICY (Continued)

Exceptions may be granted by the PUC if:

- adequate service cannot be provided to the applicant using the maximum line sizes listed due to distance or elevation, in which case, it shall be the utility's burden to justify that a larger diameter pipe is required for adequate service;
- or larger minimum line sizes are required under subdivision platting requirements or building codes of municipalities within whose corporate limits or extraterritorial jurisdiction the point of use is located; or the residential service applicant is located outside the CCN service area.

If an exception is granted, the Utility shall establish a proportional cost plan for the specific extension or a rebate plan which may be limited to seven years to return the portion of the applicant's costs for oversizing as new customers are added to ensure that future applicants for service on the line pay at least as much as the initial service applicant.

For purposes of determining the costs that service applicants shall pay, commercial customers with service demands greater than residential customer demands in the certified area, industrial, and wholesale customers shall be treated as developers.

If an applicant requires service other than the standard service provided by the utility, such applicant will be required to pay all expenses incurred by the utility in excess of the expenses that would be incurred in providing the standard service and connection beyond 200 feet and throughout his property including the cost of all necessary transmission facilities.

The utility will bear the full cost of any over-sizing of sewer mains necessary to serve other customers in the immediate area. The individual residential customer shall not be charged for any additional treatment facilities. Contributions in aid of construction may not be required of individual residential customers for production, storage, treatment or transmission facilities unless otherwise approved by the Commission under this specific extension policy.

#### Section 3.03 - Contributions in Aid of Construction

Developers may be required to provide contributions in aid of construction in amounts sufficient to furnish the development with all facilities necessary to provide for reasonable local demand requirements and to comply with TCEQ minimum design criteria for facilities used in the production, collection, transmission, pumping, or treatment of sewage or TCEQ minimum requirements. For purposes of this subsection, a developer is one who subdivides or requests more than two meters on a piece of property. Commercial, industrial, and wholesale customers will be treated as developers.

Any applicant who places unique or non-standard service demands on the system may be required to provide contributions in aid of construction for the actual costs of any additional facilities required to maintain compliance with the TCEQ minimum design criteria for water production, treatment, pumping, storage and transmission.

#### SECTION 3.0 -- EXTENSION POLICY (Continued)

Any service extension to a subdivision (recorded or unrecorded) may be subject to the provisions and restrictions of 16 TAC § 24.163(c). When a developer wishes to extend the system to prepare to service multiple new connections, the charge shall be the cost of such extension, plus a pro-rata charge for facilities which must be committed to such extension compliant with the TCEQ minimum design criteria. As provided by 16 TAC § 24.163(c)(3), for purposes of this section, commercial, industrial, and wholesale customers shall be treated as developers.

A utility may only charge a developer standby fees for unrecovered costs of facilities committed to a developer's property under the following circumstances:

- Under a contract and only in accordance with the terms of the contract; or
- if service is not being provided to a lot or lots within two years after installation of facilities necessary to provide service to the lots has been completed and if the standby fees are included on the utility's approved tariff after a rate change application has been filed. The fees cannot be billed to the developer or collected until the standby fees have been approved by the commission or executive director.
- For purposes of this section, a manufactured housing rental community can only be charged standby fees under a contract or if the utility installs the facilities necessary to provide individually metered service to each of the rental lots or spaces in the community.

# Section 3.04 - Appealing Connection Costs

The imposition of additional extension costs or charges as provided by Sections 3.0 - Extension Policy of this tariff shall be subject to appeal as provided in this tariff, PUC rules, or the rules of such other regulatory authority as may have jurisdiction over the utility's rates and services. Any applicant required to pay for any costs not specifically set forth in the rate schedule pages of this tariff shall be given a written explanation of such costs prior to payment and/or commencement of construction. If the applicant does not believe that these costs are reasonable or necessary, the applicant shall be informed of the right to appeal such costs to the PUC or such other regulatory authority having jurisdiction over the utility's rates in that portion of the utility's service area in which the applicant's property(ies) is located.

#### Section 3.05 - Applying for Service

The Utility will provide a written service application form to the applicant for each request for service received by the Utility's business offices. A separate application shall be required for each potential service location if more than one service connection is desired by any individual applicant.

Service application forms will be available at the Utility's business office during normal weekday business hours. Service applications will be sent by prepaid first class United States mail to the address provided by the applicant upon request. Completed applications should be returned by hand delivery in case there are questions which might delay fulfilling the service request. Completed service applications may be submitted by mail if hand delivery is not possible.

#### SECTION 3.0 -- EXTENSION POLICY (Continued)

Where a new tap or service connection is required, the service applicant shall be required to submit a written service application and request that a tap be made. A diagram, map, plat, or written metes and bounds description of precisely where the applicant desires each tap or service connection is to be made and, if necessary, where the meter is to be installed, along the applicant's property line may also be required with the tap request. The actual point of connection and meter installation must be readily accessible to Utility personnel for inspection, servicing, and meter reading while being reasonably secure from damage by vehicles and mowers. If the Utility has more than one main adjacent to the service applicant's property, the tap or service connection will be made to the Utility's nearest service main with adequate capacity to service the applicant's full potential service demand. Beyond the initial 200 feet, the customer shall bear only the equivalent cost of extending from the nearest main. If the tap or service connection cannot be made at the applicant's desired location, it will be made at another location mutually acceptable to the applicant and the Utility. If no agreement on location can be made, the applicant may refer the matter to the PUC for resolution.

#### Section 3.06 - Qualified Service Applicant

A "qualified service applicant" is an applicant who has: (1) met all of the Utility's requirements for service contained in this tariff, PUC rules and/or PUC order, (2) has made payment or made arrangement for payment of tap fees, (3) has provided all easements and rights-of-way required to provide service to the requested location, (4) delivered an executed customer service inspection certificate to the Utility, if applicable, and (5) has executed a customer service application for each location to which service is being requested.

The Utility shall serve each qualified service applicant within its certified service area as soon as practical after receiving a completed service application. All service requests will be fulfilled within the time limits prescribed by PUC rules once the applicant has met all conditions precedent to achieving "qualified service applicant" status. If a service request cannot be fulfilled within the required period, the applicant shall be notified in writing of the delay, its cause and the anticipated date that service will be available. The PUC service dates shall not become applicable until the service applicant has met all conditions precedent to becoming a qualified service applicant as defined by PUC rules.

#### Section 3.07 - Developer Requirements

As a condition of service to a new subdivision, the Utility shall require a developer (as defined by PUC rule) to provide permanent recorded public utility easements as a condition of service to any location within the developer's property.