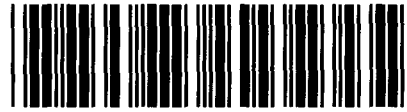


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**DOCKET NO. 48683**

**APPLICATION OF FREMONT WATER § PUBLIC UTILITY COMMISSION**  
**COMPANY FOR A PRICE INDEX RATE §**  
**ADJUSTMENT § OF TEXAS**

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**NOTICE OF APPROVAL**

This Notice addresses the application of Fremont Water Company for a price-index rate adjustment. The Commission adjusts Fremont’s water base rate to \$14.44 and gallonage rate to \$4.40 per 1,000 gallons.

The Commission adopts the following findings of fact and conclusions of law:

**I. Findings of Fact**

**Applicant**

1. Fremont Water Company is a sole proprietorship operating under certificate of convenience and necessity (CCN) number 12821.
2. Fremont operates Texas Commission on Environmental Quality (TCEQ)-approved public water system ID No. 1330153 and serves 58 connections.

**Application**

3. On September 13, 2018, Fremont filed an application for a price-index rate adjustment to its water rates based on the Commission’s current price index of 3.50%.
4. Fremont proposed an effective date of February 1, 2019.
5. In Order No. 2 issued on December 14, 2018, the administrative law judge (ALJ) found the application administratively complete.

**Rate Adjustment**

6. Fremont requested an adjustment to its water-tariff base-rate monthly meter charge and its water gallonage rates based on the Commission’s current price index of 3.50%.
7. Fremont proposed increasing the monthly water base rate from \$13.95 to \$14.44 and the gallonage rate from \$4.25 to \$4.40 per 1,000 gallons.

**Filing Schedule**

8. A class C utility with a CCN number ending in 21 may file an application for a price-index rate adjustment in the month of March.
9. The ALJ grants Fremont a good cause exception to file in September.
10. This filing is the first price index adjustment for Fremont.

**Annual Report**

11. Fremont must file its annual service, financial, and normalized-earnings report on June 1 of each year as required by 16 Texas Administrative Code (TAC) § 24.129.

**Informal Disposition**

12. Fremont and Commission Staff are the only parties to this proceeding.
13. The decision is not adverse to any other party.
14. No party requested a hearing.
15. A hearing is not necessary.
16. On November 30, 2018, Commission Staff recommended approval of the application.
17. Commission Staff attached a proposed tariff to its supplemental recommendation filed on November 30, 2018.

**II. Conclusions of Law**

1. The Commission has jurisdiction over the application under Texas Water Code (TWC) § 13.1872.
2. Fremont is a utility as defined in TWC § 13.002(23) and is a class C utility under TWC § 13.002(4-c).
3. Under TWC § 13.1872(f), Fremont may adjust its rates not more than once each year and not more than four times between rate proceedings under TWC § 13.1871.
4. An increase in Fremont rates of 3.5% complies with 16 TAC § 24.49(c)(1).

5. The Commission processed the application in accordance with the requirements of the TWC, the Administrative Procedure Act,<sup>1</sup> and Commission's rules.
6. Fremont has demonstrated that it has met the requirements of TWC § 13.1872 and 16 TAC § 24.49 for approval of the rate adjustments.
7. The requirements for informal disposition under 16 TAC § 22.35 have been met in this proceeding.
8. Under 16 TAC § 24.49(e), Fremont must provide notice after it receives a copy of this Order and 30 days before the effective date of the proposed change.

### III. Ordering Paragraphs

In accordance with these findings of fact and conclusions of law, the Commission issues the following orders:

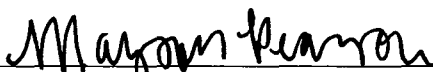
1. The Commission adjusts Fremont's monthly water base rate to \$14.44 and the water gallonage rate to \$4.40 per 1,000 gallons.
2. The Commission approves the tariff attached to Commission Staff's supplemental recommendation effective 30 days after Fremont provides notice to its customers.
3. Fremont's new rates may go into effect 30 days after Fremont provides notice to customers.
4. Fremont must issue notice of the approved rate change to its customers at least 30 days before the effective date of the rate change.
5. Fremont must file proof of notice in this docket within ten days after notice is provided to customers.
6. Within ten days after Fremont files proof of notice, Commission Staff must file a clean copy of the tariff with Central Records to be marked *Approved* and kept in the Commission tariff book.
7. The Commission denies all other motions and any other requests for general or specific relief, if not expressly granted.

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<sup>1</sup> Administrative Procedure Act, Tex. Gov't Code §§ 2001.001–.902.

Signed at Austin, Texas the 19<sup>th</sup> day of December 2018.

**PUBLIC UTILITY COMMISSION OF TEXAS**

  
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**MAYSON PEARSON**  
**ADMINISTRATIVE LAW JUDGE**

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