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**APPLICATION OF NORTHTOWN
ACRES WATER SUPPLY FOR
AUTHORITY TO CHANGE RATES**

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**PUBLIC UTILITY COMMISSION
OF TEXAS**

**ORDER NO. 7
GRANTING REQUEST FOR INTERIM RATES**

This Order addresses the October 21, 2019, request for interim rates filed by Northtown Acres Water Supply. Northtown Acres states that, due to the increase in the rates it pays to the City of Corsicana for purchased water, interim rates are necessary so that the integrity of its water system can be maintained.

On October 28, 2019, Commission Staff filed its response to Northtown Acres' request. Commission Staff is unopposed to the request, with modifications, noting that Northtown Acres has an outdated rate structure included in its existing tariff, which was approved in 2009. Specifically, Northtown Acres' current rate structure contains a portion of the cost of purchased water that is recovered through base rates rather than as a separate pass-through. Commission Staff's modifications to Northtown Acres' request for interim rates is as follows:

	Interim Rate Requested by Northtown Acres	Interim Rate Recommended by Commission Staff
Monthly fixed charge for 5/8" or 3/4" meter (including usage of up to 2,000 gallons)	\$20.62	\$18.70
Usage from 2,001-10,000 gallons	\$4.88/1,000 gallons	\$3.88/1,000 gallons
Usage from 10,001-25,000 gallons	\$4.98/1,000 gallons	\$4.03/1,000 gallons
Usage of 25,001+ gallons	\$5.03/1,000 gallons	\$4.13/1,000 gallons
Pass-through gallonage rate	\$4.15/1,000 gallons	\$4.13/1,000 gallons

The administrative law judge grants Northtown Acres' request for interim rates, at the rates recommended by Commission Staff. The interim rates will become effective on the first billing cycle following the date this Order is signed and will remain in effect until further Commission action or a final rate determination is made.

Northtown Acres must provide notice to its customers in compliance with the requirements of 16 Texas Administrative Code § 24.37(j).

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Within ten days of the date of this Order, Commission Staff must provide a clean copy of the approved interim rates to Central Records to be marked *Approved* and filed in the Commission's tariff books.

Signed at Austin, Texas the 6th day of November 2019.

PUBLIC UTILITY COMMISSION OF TEXAS


HUNTER BURKHALTER
ADMINISTRATIVE LAW JUDGE