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To: Mark Parker - Gmail <markparkertx@gmail.com>

Sun, Dec 29, 2019 at 10:42 AM

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From: mark parker <markparkertx@gmail.com>

Date: Sat, Dec 28, 2019 at 11:28 AM

Subject: Docket No. 48819 - Intervention of North Petty Chapel Water / Northtown Acres Water (NAW) Supply

To: Mark Parker - Gmail <markparkertx@gmail.com>

Intervention of Northtown Acres Water (NAW) Supply Rate Increase
Docket No. 48819

I Move to Intervene and Oppose / Protest all Rate Increases proposed by Northtown Acres Water (NAW).

I Received Documents from NAW dated 1/30/19 for proposed 49.2% rate increase and I Protested it.

I received another set of documents from NAW dated 6/26/19 for a proposed 61.15% rate increase and I Protested it.

The last Notification I've received from NAW dated 11/18/19 is for an Approved 19% Interim Tariff Rate increase (effective immediately). It says the homeowners have to file a motion to intervene by 1/15/20 to protest this Interim Tariff increase and/or to protest the 6/26/19 proposed 61% rate increase.

My experience with Northtown Acres/North Petty Chapel Water is inconsistent billing practices (where rates vary for the same usage and even billed for zero gallons read on the meter for a given month (when in fact normal amount of water was used) and charged a minimum then the next month the meter is read and then have to pay the for water again in the following months bill).

I truly question the Legitimacy of all the proposed rate increases and even the current 19% Suppose of/Approved Interim Tariff Rate Increase. NAW changed thier Rate Formula effective 11/18/19 and also included a \$4.13 per 1,000 gallons Pass Thru Charge which results in a 19% rate increase (calculations are based on a 5,000 gallon usage). See attachments.

Basically a 61% rate increase is way, way excessive (and unreasonable) all to be absorbed in just 1 rate increase - Even the current Suppose of/Approved 19% InterTariff Rate Increase - seems way to high (and may not be completely correct or what PUC had intended)

Attached are Supporting Documents received from North Petty Chapel Rate increase Documents.

Let me know how to proceed to protect homeowners and protest the excessive rate increases and keep things fair and just.

Mark Parker
3300 NE CR 0092
Corsicana Tx 75109

903 676-8533

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Memorandum

TO: Central Records
FROM: Kathryn Eiland, Rate Regulation Division
DATE: November 18, 2019
RE: PUC Docket No. 48819 – Application of Northtown Acres Water Supply for Authority to Change Rates; Tariff for water certificate of convenience and necessity no. 11704
CC: Sheroll Richardson

The attached water tariff is filed in accordance with Order No. 7, issued by the Commission's Administrative Law Judge on November 6, 2019, approving interim rates for Northtown Acres Water Supply effective on the first billing cycle following the date of the order. A copy of the attached tariff is provided to be stamped *Approved* and placed in the Commission's tariff book. The rates contained in the attached tariff will be in effect until the Commission issues a final decision on the requested rate change or until another interim rate is established.

Northtown Acres Water Company
Tariff No. 11704

Water Utility Tariff Page No. 2

SECTION 1.0 – RATE SCHEDULE

Section 1.01 – Rates

The presiding officer has established the following interim rates to be in effect until another interim rate is established or a final rate determination is made in Docket No. 48819.

| <u>Meter Size</u> | <u>Monthly Minimum Charge</u> | <u>Gallage Charge</u> |
|-------------------|----------------------------------|--|
| 5/8" or 3/4" | \$18.70 (Includes 2,000 gallons) | \$3.88 per 1000 gallons, 2001-10,000 gallons \$4.03 per 1,000 gallons, 10,001-25,000 gallons \$4.13 per 1,000 gallons, over 25,000 gallons |

*Pass-through fee

***In addition to the gallage charge, the City of Corsicana purchased water fee of \$4.13 per 1,000 gallons will be applied.**

FORM OF PAYMENT: The utility will accept the following form(s) of payment:

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

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.

REGULATORY ASSESSMENT..... 1.0%
PUC RULES REQUIRE THE UTILITY TO COLLECT A FEE OF ONE PERCENT OF THE RETAIL MONTHLY

NOTICE OF INTERVENTION DEADLINE
Northtown Acres Water Supply
Docket No. 48819

APPLICATION.

Northtown Acres Water Supply has filed an application with the Public Utility Commission of Texas (Commission) to amend its tariff and change its rates for water Certificate of Convenience and Necessity (CCN) No. 11704. The proposed increase had an effective date of August 15, 2019, which has been suspended by the Commission until May 6, 2020. The Commission approved Northtown Acres' request for interim rates on November 6, 2019, and those rates are currently in effect.

INTERVENTION DEADLINE.

This case has been referred to the State Office of Administrative Hearings for a hearing on the merits, which has not yet been scheduled. Any person who wants to intervene in this case (i.e., participate in this case as a party) must file a written request to intervene with the Commission no later than 3 p.m. on January 15, 2020. Any filed motion must refer to PUC Docket No. 48819, include the person's contact information, and otherwise comply with the Commission's procedural rules. A person who wants to participate as a party must move to intervene as described above. Previous submission of a protest does not meet the requirements for intervention.

INFORMATION.

For information concerning the hearing process, please contact the PUC Filing Clerk, 1701 N. Congress Ave., P.O. Box 13326, Austin, TX 78711-3326. For additional information, contact the Commission's Legal Division, P.O. Box 13326, Austin, TX 78711-3326. General information regarding the Commission may be found at its web site at www.puc.texas.gov.

Interim Rates 11/6/19

12/15/19 51.50 - 5/14/19 43.35 = 40.2
5000 / 40.2 = 19% INCREASE

Filed inconsistent in the past. Minimum when no meter was read. (Should be 20 GALS THEN THE FOLLOWING MONTH PAY FOR THAT WATER AS M.V.!

NOTICE 1/30/19 ON 5,000 GALS 44.2%
" 6/26/19 " " " 61.15%

INTERIM RATES ON 5,000 GALS 19% INCREASE

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INCREASES? ABOUT A 10% INCREASE FROM 60.50

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6/26/18



June 26, 2018

Dear Wholesale Customers:

It is the City's goal to provide excellent water service to all customers. This is achieved through the City's Utility Department and funded by the Utility Fund in the budget. The Utility Fund is an enterprise fund meaning it should support its expenses with its own revenue. Water rates are not only set by the amount of water used, but are necessary to support the operations, debt, and infrastructure.

The cost to produce, deliver and treat water, including maintaining the infrastructure, is on the rise. This year has been especially challenging due to an aging infrastructure, major transmission line failures and the continuing rise in cost to produce water. Over the past three (3) years the Utility Fund has incurred a deficit in revenue. Therefore, discussion of the 2019 Utility Fund will include a rate increase necessary to offset increases in operation, maintenance costs, and replacing infrastructure. The rate increase will help fund critical repairs, bring revenues back in line with the cost of providing services and restore financial stability for the fund. The rate will increase by .35 cents per thousand gallons. The new tiered rates will be:

| | | | | |
|--|---|--------|------|--|
| \$3.80 per thousand for 10001 to 10,000 | ← | 10,15% | 3.45 | <div style="border: 1px solid black; border-radius: 50%; padding: 5px; display: inline-block;"> Committed 10% to 12% increase </div> |
| \$3.95 per thousand for 10,001 to 25,000 | ← | | 3.50 | |
| \$4.05 per thousand for 25,001 and over | ← | | 3.80 | |

The proposed rate will still be below the average of cities in the area. New rates will be effective October 1, 2018. Please consider this notice as required by your current contract.

City Council and City staff realize that any increase in cost to the customers can be stressful and the City is committed to managing the expense in the most efficient and sustainable way while maintaining the City's commitment to provide excellent water service to all customers.

Sincerely,

Kyle Pritchett
Kyle Pritchett
Environmental Services Director

500 5,000 GALS

TODAY 12.92

PROPOSED 12.92 + .34 = 13.26

#20,42 = 6/115% INCREASE

NPC WATER

North Petty Chapel Water
(254)578-1622
(903)641-7588

18770 709N, Dawson, TX 76639[]

Dear Valued Customers,

We have been constantly working with the PUC, since we first tried to implement our rate increase. The new revisions, included with your current bill, are what we and the PUC have jointly worked out.

- The base rate is the rate that will most effect you and we are sorry, but we have not had an actual base rate increase in ten years (10),
- Please also note that we are not charging any more than the majority of surrounding other small utilities. Some are charging more, and have been for quite some time.
- The advantages of living outside the City Limits are self explanatory....But the Utilities Cost More to Provide, Especially since we are Less than 200 meters.

Warm regards,

North Petty Chapel Water

North Petty Chapel Water
Roger and Sharoll Richardson
Owners

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NOTICE OF PROPOSED RATE CHANGE - WATER

SEE ATTACHED PURCHASED WATER PASS THROUGH GALLONAGE CHARGE (Page 1 & 2)

| CURRENT RATES | | PROPOSED RATES | |
|-----------------------------|--------------|-----------------------------|-----------|
| Monthly base rate including | 2000 gallons | Monthly base rate including | 0 gallons |
| Meter Size: | | Meter Size: | |
| RESIDENTIAL | | RESIDENTIAL | |
| 5/8" or 3/4" | \$ 18.70 | 5/8" or 3/4" | \$ 38.64 |
| 1" | \$ | 1" | \$ 96.60 |
| 1 1/2" | \$ | 1 1/2" | \$ 193.20 |
| 2" | \$ | 2" | \$ 309.12 |
| 3" | \$ | 3" | \$ 579.60 |
| Other: | \$ | Other: | \$ |

| GALLONAGE CHARGE: | | | GALLONAGE CHARGE: | | |
|-------------------|----------------------|------------------------------|---|--|--|
| TIER | VOLUME | CHARGE per 1000 gals. | SEE ATTACHED PURCHASED WATER PASS THROUGH GALLONAGE CHARGE (Page 1 & 2) | | |
| Tier 1 | 2000 to 40000 gals. | \$ 3.88/1000 gals. | | | |
| Tier 2 | 40001 to 25000 gals. | \$ 4.03/1000 gals. | | | |
| Tier 3 | 250001 to gals. | \$ 4.13/1000 gals. | | | |
| Tier 4 | to gals. | \$ /1000 gals. | | | |
| Tier 5 | to gals. | \$ /1000 gals. | | | |

| MISCELLANEOUS FEES | | | MISCELLANEOUS FEES | | |
|-------------------------------|----|--------|--|----|---------|
| Tap Fee | \$ | 300.00 | Tap Fee | \$ | 1000.00 |
| Reconnect fee: Non-payment | \$ | 25.00 | Reconnect fee: Non-payment (Maximum - \$25.00) | \$ | 25.00 |
| Customer's Request | \$ | 45.00 | Customer's Request | \$ | 45.00 |
| Transfer Fee | \$ | NA | Transfer Fee | \$ | 45.00 |
| Late Charge | \$ | 5.00 | Late charge: (Indicate either \$5.00 or 10%) | \$ | 10 % |
| Returned Check Charge | \$ | 10.00 | Returned Check Charge | \$ | 30.00 |
| Deposit | \$ | 50.00 | Deposit | \$ | 200.00 |
| Meter test fee | \$ | 25.00 | Meter test fee (Maximum - \$25.00) | \$ | 25.00 |

Regulatory Assessment of 1% is added to base rate and gallonage charges. Additional fees and meter sizes may be shown on a separate page.

TAP FEE (UNIQUE COSTS) ===== Actual Cost
 EXAMPLE== road bore needed or larger meter than 3/4
 METER RELOCATION FEE ===== Actual Cost
 Actual cost for labor and materials not to exceed cost of tap
 NON Residential Deposit ===== 1/6 of estimated annual bill

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6/20/19

Northtown Acres Water Supply

18770 F.M. 709N

Dawson, Texas 76639

Telephone (254)578-1622

Purchased Water Pass Through Gallonage Charges

Dear Customer,

Northtown Acres Water Supply, CCN No. 11704, is implementing a Pass-Through rate change due to a change in fees to purchase water from the City of Corsicana for Northtown Acres subdivision PWS #1750037. ***This tariff change is being implemented in accordance with the minor tariff changes allowed by 16 Texas Administrative Code 24.25. The cost to you as a result of this change will not exceed the costs charge to your utility.***

Northtown Acres Water Supply is changing the equation used to calculate the Pass-Through rate. This is for the correct recovery of the actual charges from the City of Corsicana. The effective date of the change is ***August 15, 2019.***

Pass-Through for meter base charge:

$R = (A - C) / B + (D \times E)$

R= meter base charge pass-through amount

A= meter base charge from supplier

B= number of Northtown connections as of bill calculation date

C= Base charge credit for lower tier gallonage charged by supplier

E= Gallonage charge from supplier for the third (highest) tier gallons

Calculation of C, the Base charge credit for lower tier gallonage charged by the supplier:

$C = K \times (E - P) + L \times (E - Q)$

K= the number of gallons included in the first (lowest) tier divided by 1000

L= number of gallons included in the second tier divided by 1000

P= first tier gallonage rate

Q=second tier gallonage rate

Pass-Through Gallonage charge

The gallonage charge passed through is equal to the gallonage charge above the lower tier gallons.

Northtown Acres Pass-Through Control # 48089

Base charge pass-through calculation (minimum bill)

| | |
|---|------------|
| Monthly Meter Base Charge from the City of Corsicana | \$ 321.80 |
| Volumetric Rate credit for lower rates at low gallonage tiers to the minimum bill | \$ (4.00) |
| Total to be recovered form minimum bill | \$ 317.80 |
| Minimum bill pass through amount (\$ 317.80/ 166 connections) | \$ 1.91 |

NORTHTOWN ACRES WATER SUPPLY

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18770 F.M. 709N

DAWSON, TEXAS 76639

Purchased Water Pass Through Gallonage Charges

VOLUMETRIC CHARGES TO BE RECOUPED THROUGH PASS THROUGH CLAUSE:

| | |
|---|-------------------------|
| Minimum bill pass through amount | |
| (\$317.80 / 166 connections) | \$ 1.91 |
| City of Corsicana's most recent increase --- | \$.35 |
| APPROVED TARIFF VOLUME CHARGE | \$ 3.88 |
| NEW PROPOSED GALLONAGE CHARGE --- | \$ 6.14 per 1000 |

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P.U.C. DOCKET NO. 48819 *

**NOTICE OF PROPOSED RATE CHANGE
 PURSUANT TO TEX. WATER CODE § 13.1871**

NORTH PETTY CHAPEL WATER **11704**

Company Name CCN Number(s)

has filed a rate change application with the Public Utility Commission of Texas (Commission or PUC). The application may be reviewed online at interchange.puc.texas.gov. You may also inspect a copy of the rate change application at your utility's office at the address below or at the Commission's office (1701 N. Congress Ave, Austin, TX 78701). The proposed rates will apply to service received after the effective date provided below, unless modified or suspended by the Commission. If the Commission receives a sufficient number of protests, separately or in a combined protest letter, from at least²⁰ [number of] ratepayers (10 percent of the utility's customers over whose rates the Commission has original jurisdiction) or from any affected municipality before the 91st day after the proposed effective date, the matter will be set for hearing. See **Protest Form on the next page for instructions on how to protest.**

EFFECTIVE DATE OF PROPOSED INCREASE: 8/15/2019

(must be at least 35 days after notice is provided to customers and 35 days after application is filed)
 (Proposed rates requested by the utility are not final. The Commission may modify the rates and order a refund or credit against future bills all sums collected during the pendency of the rate proceeding in excess of the rate finally ordered plus interest.)

Reason(s) for proposed Rate Change:

Need to hire additional operator and office help.

BILLING COMPARISON

Water

| | | | | | | | | | |
|----------|-----------------|----|---------------|-----|----------|-----------------|----|---------------|-----|
| Existing | 5,000 gallons: | \$ | <u>30.34</u> | /mo | Proposed | 5,000 gallons: | \$ | <u>69.34</u> | /mo |
| Existing | 10,000 gallons: | \$ | <u>49.74</u> | /mo | Proposed | 10,000 gallons: | \$ | <u>100.04</u> | /mo |
| Existing | 30,000 gallons: | \$ | <u>131.24</u> | /mo | Proposed | 30,000 gallons: | \$ | <u>222.84</u> | /mo |

Sewer

| | | | | | | | | | |
|----------|-----------------|----|-------|-----|----------|-----------------|-------|-------|-----|
| Existing | 5,000 gallons: | \$ | _____ | /mo | Proposed | 5,000 gallons: | _____ | /mo | |
| Existing | 10,000 gallons: | \$ | _____ | /mo | Proposed | 10,000 gallons: | \$ | _____ | /mo |

North Petty Chapel Water, Northtown Acres Water Supply, Office of the Public Utility Counsel (OPUC), City of Corsicana

Subdivision(s) or System(s) Affected by Rate Change

| | | | |
|-------------------------|---------------|-----------|--------------|
| <u>18770 F.M. 709 N</u> | <u>Dawson</u> | <u>TX</u> | <u>76639</u> |
| Company Address | City | State | Zip |

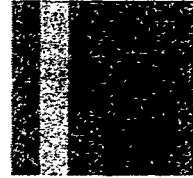
(254) 578-1622
 Company Phone Number

| | |
|-------------------------|-----------------------|
| <u>40,289.00</u> | <u>6/26/2019</u> |
| Annual Revenue Increase | Date Notice Delivered |

| | |
|--------------------------|----------------------------|
| <u>10/30/2009</u> | <u>25th</u> |
| Date of Last Rate Change | Date Meters Typically Read |

* Prior to providing notice, the utility shall file a request for the assignment of a docket number for the application.

Northtown Acres Water Supply
18770 F.M. 709 N Dawson, Tx. 76639
254-578-1622 Fax: 254-578-3130



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January 30, 2019

Valued Customers
Northtown Acres Water Supply &
North Petty Water Supply

Dear Valued Customers,

We have been working , with the PUC, for several months now, trying to get them to figure out what they want us to use for our Pass Through Clause Formula. We have had a formula, that the TCEQ, figured out for us thirty (30) years ago, which we have always used. Well it was not satisfactory for the PUC. They have finally come up with a formula they are happy with, which we have enclosed. We have also enclosed our rate changes. The formula for these changes, also comes from the PUC. It also comes from the fact that we have not had an actual rate increase in ten (10) years, everything has been nothing but pass-throughs from the City of Corsicana raising rates to us. These new rates will let us hire help to work on the system and make needed improvements.

Any questions or concerns, please let us know.

Sincerely,

Roger & Sharoll Richardson, Owners

2-3-19

INCREASE



10/2/2017

NOTICE OF PROPOSED RATE CHANGE
TO BE PROVIDED TO CUSTOMERS
PURSUANT TO TEX. WATER CODE § 13.1871

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P.U.C. DOCKET NO. 48819

RATEPAYER PROTEST

If you wish to PROTEST the proposed rate change, you must submit this form and 10 copies to:

**Filing Clerk
Public Utility Commission of Texas
1701 North Congress Avenue
P.O. Box 13326
Austin, Texas 78711-3326**

Unless protests are received from at least 10% of ratepayers or from any affected municipality, or the Commission Staff requests a hearing, no hearing will be held and the rates will be effective as proposed.

CUSTOMER INFORMATION (to be completed by customers submitting protests)

First Name: _____ Last Name: _____

Phone Number: _____ Fax Number: _____

Address, City, State: _____

Location where service is received: _____

(if different from the mailing address)

Please fill out the following:

I wish to PROTEST the following proposed rate action/s:

- Water Rate Change Sewer Rate Change Both Water and Sewer Rate Change
- Other (please specify below)

Signature of Protester:

_____ Date: _____

**Si desea informacion en Espanol, puede llamar al
1-888-782-8477**

**Hearing- and speech-impaired individuals with text telephones may contact the PUC's Customer Assistance
Hotline at
512-936-7136**

