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APPLICATION OF NORTHTOWN ACRES	§	BEFORE THE STATE OFFICE
WATER SUPPLY FOR AUTHORITY TO	§	OF
CHANGE RATES	§	ADMINISTRATIVE HEARINGS

NORTHTOWN ACRES' RESPONSE TO COMMISSION STAFF'S FIFTH SET OF REQUESTS FOR INFORMATION

Sheroll and Roger Richardson d.b.a. Northtown Acres Water Supply ("Northtown Acres") provides this Response to the Public Utility Commission ("Commission") Staff's ("Staff") Fifth Set of Requests for Information and would respectfully show as follows:

I. INTRODUCTION

On December 16, 2020, Northtown Acres filed their amended application for authority to change rates. On June 1, 2021, Staff issued its Fifth Request for Information ("RFIs") to Northtown Acres. Northtown Acres and Staff agreed to extend the deadline for filing responses to Staff's Fifth Set of RFIs to June 28, 2021. Pursuant to 16 Texas Administrative Code ("TAC") 26.407(f)(1)(A), Northtown Acres' responses are timely filed.

II. WRITTEN RESPONSES

Attached hereto and incorporated herein by reference are Northtown Acres' written responses to the aforementioned requests for information. Each such response is set forth separately beneath a restatement of the relevant request. Such responses are made without waiver of Northtown Acres' right to contest the admissibility of any such matters upon hearing. Northtown Acres hereby stipulates that its responses may be treated by all parties exactly as if they were filed under oath.

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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 June 28, 2021, in accordance with 16 TAC § 22.74.

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Staff 5-1 Please admit or deny that North Petty Chapel Water Supply is an affiliate of Northtown Acres. If deny, please explain the relationship between North Petty Chapel Water Supply and Northtown Acres.

Response:

Deny. "North Petty Chapel" is used to refer to a geographic area within the service territory of Northtown Acres. The area was incorporated into the certificate of convenience ("CCN") and necessity in Docket No. 50819. Prior to that case the area was treated separately for certain annual reporting purposes.

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Staff 5-2 Please admit or deny that North Petty Chapel Water Supply is a legal entity that is separate from Northtown Acres Water Supply. If deny, please explain who or what the label North Petty Chapel Water Supply refers to in relation to Northtown Acres' business structure or operations.

Response:

Deny. See Northtown Acres' response to Staff 5-1.

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Staff 5-3 If the application includes expenses common to both North Petty Chapel Water Supply and Northtown Acres, please explain if and how these common costs are allocated between North Petty Chapel Water Supply and Northtown Acres.

Response:

See Northtown Acres' response to Staff 5-1. Consistent with the final order approving the CCN amendment to incorporate the area into Northtown Acres' CCN, there is no distinction in costs incurred and no allocation or assignment of costs to specific areas within the CCN.

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Staff 5-4 If the application includes expenses that are not common to both North Petty Chapel Water Supply and Northtown Acres, please describe the types of expenses that are not common and identify the amount of the expenses included in the amended application, by NARUC account, that are direct billed to North Petty Chapel Water Supply and the amount direct billed to Northtown Acres.

Response:

No expenses were allocated or direct billed to specific areas.

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Staff 5-5 If the response to Staff 5-1 is admit, please provide documentation demonstrating that the price charged to Northtown Acres for services provided by North Petty Chapel Water Supply is no higher than prices charged to other affiliates or unaffiliated third parties for the same item or items (Tex. Water Code Ann. § 13.185(e)).

Response:

Not applicable.

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Staff 5-6 Please clarify if the requested revenue requirement includes (1) a salary for Sheroll Richardson only; (2) a salary for Roger Richardson only; or (3) a salary for Sheroll Richardson and a salary for Roger Richardson.

Response:

The application includes a salary for Sheroll Richardson of \$150 per week and a salary for Roger Richardson of \$500 per week.

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Staff 5-7 Please provide a contract, service agreement, or other documentation demonstrating that Northtown Acres has started obtaining service from the contract positions included in the requested revenue requirement.

Response:

As provided in direct testimony, Sheroll and Roger Richardson do not currently receive compensation for their services as the revenues of Northtown Acres do not currently support the ability to acquire contract labor. In addition, for the two additional part time positions requested, no current contract exists as Northtown Acres' revenues would not currently support such expense. However, Northtown Acres is entitled to recovery of reasonable and necessary expenses, such as labor expense for the positions requested, for the provision of water service.

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Staff 5-8 Please identify the amount of the total requested contract labor expense that is for: (1) the part time contractors; and (2) the accountant.

Response:

The amount of the total requested contract labor expense that is for: (1) the part time contractors is \$600 per week; and (2) the accountant is \$250 per week.

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Staff 5-9 Please provide invoices from the City of Corsicana for purchased water during the test year used in the amended application.

Response:

Please see attached.

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11/27/2019	Paynent	-6,998,90	8	0,00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	-6,998,98
11/12/2019	Billing	6,998,98	1625000	9.00	0,00	8,90	8.00	8,90	0.00	6,998.90
10/31/2019	Paynent	-10,056.25	0	0.00	0.00	0.00	8.80	8.90	0.00	-10,056,25
18/18/2019	Billing	18,856,25	2420088	8.00	8.09	0,00	8.00	8.88	0.00	10,056,25
09/27/2019	Paynent	-11,291.50	0	0.00	0,00	0.00	0.00	8.00	0.00	-11,291.56
99/18/2019	Billing	11,291.50	2725008	8.90	0.00	0.90	8.99	8.96	8.88	11,291.50
99/03/2019	Paynent	-9,752,50	8	8.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	8.98	9.09	-9,752.50
98/12/2019	Billing	9,752,50	2345000	9.00	8,88	0.00	9,90	8.90	0.00	9,752.50
08/05/2019	Paynent	-5,297,50		8.00	0.00	0,90	0.00	0.00	0.00	-5,297.58
07/10/2019	Billing	5,297.50	1245999	9.90	9,98	6.06	8.00	9.98	0.00	5,297,50
87/98/2019	Paynent	-4,852,00	6	0.00	0.00	8,96	0.00	0,00	8,00	-4,852.00
96/18/2019	Billing	4,852.00	1135000	8.99	0.00	8.90	80+08	8.88	0.00	4,852.09
96/94/2019	Paynent	-4,588.75	8	0.00	0.00	8.99	0,00	0.00	0.00	-4,588.75
85/18/2819	Billing	4,588.75	1878988	0.00	8,00	8,00	0.00	8.00	8.09	4,588.75
05/06/2019	Paynent	-4,852,00	8	0,00	0,00	0.00	0.00	8.00	0,00	-4,852.08
84/18/2819	Billing	4,852.00	1135000	0.98	0.00	8.98	8.80	8.00	0.00	4,852.00
04/03/2019	Paynent	-3,333.25	8	0.00	0,00	0.00	0,00	8.00	0,00	-3,333.25
03/11/2019	Billing	3,333.25	760900	8.00	8,80	8,99	8,00	8.00	0.00	3,333,25
03/05/2019	Paynent	-3,799.00	8	0.00	0.00	6.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	-3,799,00
02/12/2019	Billing	3,799.00	875000	0.00	8,88	0,00	0.00	8.99	0.00	3,799.00
82/85/2019	Paynent	-3,961.00	8	0,00	0.00	8.90	0.00	0.00	0,00	-3,961,00
81/18/2819	Billing	3,961.00	915000	9,00	0.98	0.08	0.00	0.00	8.08	3,961.00
01/08/2019	Paynent	-3,637,00	e	0,00	8.60	8,00	8.00	8,00	0,00	-3,637.00
12/18/2818	Billing	3,637.00	835000	8.88	8.88	0.00	8.88	0.00	0.00	3,637,00
11/30/2018	Paynent	-4,568.50	6	0.00	0.00	8.00	0.00	0.00	0 00	-4,568.50

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01/31/2020	Payment	-1,168,15	8	0.00	8,00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	1,168,1
01/18/2020	Billing	1,168,15	228888	8,00	8.88	9.99	0,00	0.98		1,168,1
91/97/2020	Paynent	-1,188.90	8	0.00	0.00	0.00	8,00	8.90		1,188.9
01/87/2020	Paynent	-1,188,90	8	8.00	8,88	8.90	8.88	8.96	6.00	1,188.9
01/07/2020	Void	1,188.90	0	0,00	9.00	0.00	0,00	0,00		1,188.9
12/10/2019	Billing	1,188.90	225000	8.00	8.88	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	1,188.9
11/27/2019	Paynent	-1,587,30	8	0,00	8,00	0.00	0,00	8,96	0.00	1,587,5
11/12/2019	Billing	1,587,38	321888	9,09	8,88	0.99	8,80	9,96	0,00	1,587.5
10/31/2019	Paynent	-2,235.70	8	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	2,235.7
18/18/2019	Billing	2,235.70	489000	8.00	8,89	0.00	0.80	8.00	0.00	2,235.7
09/27/2019	Paynent	-2,017.00	0	8,99	9,99	0,00	0,00	8,90	8.88	-2,017.6
09/10/2019	Billing	2,017.00	435999	0.00	0.80	8.00	9.90	8.00	0.00	2,017.0
99/03/2019	Paynent	-1,899.55	8	0,00	9,99	8,00	8.00	0.00	0.00	1,899.
88/12/2019	Billing	1,899.55	406000	8.00	0.00	8,86	0.00	8.88	0.00	1,899.
08/05/2019	Paynent	-1,340.65	8	0,00	8.88	0,00	8.00	0,00	0,00	-1,340.6
87/18/2019	Billing	1,340.65	268999	9.00	8.00	8,00	0.00	0.00	8.09	1,340.6
07/08/2019	Paynent	-1,138,15	8	0,00	0,00	0,00	8.98	0,00	0,00	1,138.1
96/18/2019	Billing	1,138,15	218999	8.09	8.98	9.98	0.00	8.00	0.00	1,138.1
96/94/2019	Paynent	-1,061.20	8	0.00	0.00	8.99	0.00	9.00	0.00	1,061,2
05/10/2019	Billing	1,061,20	199080	8.00	9.90	0.00	0,00	0.00	8,88	1,061.2
05/06/2019	Paynent	-1,543,15	9	0.00	0.00	0,00	0,00	0,00	8.88	-1,543,1
94/18/2019	Billing	1,543,15	318909	8.99	9.90	0.08	0.00	0.90	8.88	1,543,1
04/03/2019	Paynent	-866,89	8	8,09	0.00	0.00	0.00	8,86	0.08	-866.6
93/11/2019	Billing	866,89	151000	0.09	8.88	0.90	0.00	0.00	0.00	866.8
93/95/2019	Paynent	-1,138.15	8	0.00	0.00	0,00	0.00	0.00	0.00	-1,138,1
82/12/2019	Billing	1,138,15	218860	8.88	8,80	8,80	0.88	0,98	8,88	1,138,1
02/05/2019	Paynent	-1,045.00	8	0,00	0.00	0,00	0.00	0.00	0.00	-1,045.8
81/18/2019	Billing	1,845.88	195000	0.00	8.00	8.98	0.00	9.90	8.00	1,045.0
01/08/2019	Paynent	-1,166.50	8	0.00	8.00	0,90	0,00	0.00	8.88	1,166.
12/18/2018	Billing	1,166,50	225999	9.09	8.00	8,99	0.00	8,00	8.60	1,166.
1/30/2018	Paynent	-1,231.30	8	8.09	8.00	6.09	8.00	0.00	8.00	1,231.5
11/13/2018	Billing	1,231.38	241000	8,88	8,80	8,98	8.08	0.00	A CALL STATE OF THE OWNER OF	1,231.3

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Staff 5-10 Please refer to the Northtown Acres invoices labeled "Estimate" in the top right hand corner on pages 180, 181, 186, 207, 210, 211, 213, 215 and 216 of the amended application. Please identify the person or entity that performed the work or provided the service described in each invoice.

Response:

The estimated invoices are documentation of repairs of leaks performed by Roger Richardson, at times assisted by Daniel Cope. The repairs are repairs to customer service lines, which requires flushing, or repairs in excess of \$100 on the water distribution system. Northtown Acres withdraws the request for recovery of these expenses as they would be recovered either as a subset of Northtown Acres' known and measurable adjustment for contract labor expense or as a subset of rate base invested capital.

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Staff 5-11 Please refer to the invoices on the pages listed in Staff 5-10 and provide the actual invoices that correspond to the nine invoices labeled "Estimate."

Response:

See Northtown Acres' response to Staff 5-10.

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Staff 5-12 Please identify the beneficiary for the Farm Bureau life insurance policy.

Response:

The beneficiary is Sheroll Richardson.

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Staff 5-13 Please identify the beneficiary of the Symetra life insurance policy.

Response:

The beneficiary is Sheroll Richardson.

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Staff 5-14 Please refer to Schedule I-1 of the amended application. Please provide detailed invoices for rate case expenses for the test year and the known and measurable changes.

Response:

See the Direct Testimony of Sharoll Richardson at page 9 (Regulatory Expense) and 18 (Rate Case Expenses).

Regulatory Expenses:

The Regulatory Expenses on Schedule I-1 are intended to approximate annual regulatory expenses for professional assistance with reports and incremental rate proceedings going forward. To date, Northtown Acres has received legal regulatory assistance on a pro bono basis and only has been charged actual expenses so does not have invoices for professional legal services. As such it is necessary to estimate a known and measurable adjustment for future professional regulatory assistance.

Rate Case Expenses:

As stated in testimony, Northtown Acres will provide updated rate case expense data with rebuttal testimony or in subsequent filings. Although there are no rate case expenses associated with legal hourly fees, Northtown Acres has incurred legal expense items for mailing and contracting for non-legal professional reports. In addition, to the extent that any professional witness is needed to address any items in rebuttal, such expenses will be requested as rate case expenses in this proceeding.

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Staff 5-15 Please refer to Schedule I-1 of the amended application. Please provide detailed statements and proof of payment for taxes other than income for the test year and known and measurable changes.

Response:

Please see attached for payment of the TCEQ revenue assessment. The TCEQ assessment is not built into the revenue requirement as it is invoiced on customer bills and paid directly to TCEQ.

The taxes of other than income taxes lists on Schedule I-1 are gross receipt taxes, which are not payable by sole proprietorships. Consistent with required use of an imputed corporate federal income tax rate for purposes of calculating federal income taxes, which reduces the revenue requirement, Northtown Acres should also be permitted to recover imputed corporate gross receipts taxes paid by corporations to offset the reduction in revenue requirement. The known and measurable adjustment is based on the change in revenue related tax associated with the requested increase in revenues. See Schedule IV Rev Related Tax Exp. Any change in revenues would impact the calculation and associated requested known and measurable adjustment.

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