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APPLICATION OF ARROYO DOBLE §  
WATER SYSTEM, INC. FOR A PRICE §  
INDEX RATE ADJUSTMENT §

PUBLIC UTILITY COMMISSION  
OF TEXAS

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NOTICE OF APPROVAL

This Notice addresses the application of Arroyo Doble Water System, Inc. for a price index rate adjustment. The Commission adjusts Arroyo Doble’s water base rate to \$20.64 for 5/8 inch or 3/4 inch meters and block gallonage rate to \$2.31 per 1,000 gallons for usage of 0 to 7,000 gallons, \$2.89 per 1,000 gallons for usage of 7,001 to 15,000 gallons, \$4.33 per 1,000 gallons for usage of 15,001 to 30,000 gallons, and to \$5.78 per 1,000 gallons for usage of over 30,001 gallons.

I. Findings of Fact

The Commission makes the following findings of fact.

Applicant

1. Arroyo Doble is a domestic for-profit corporation registered with the Texas secretary of state under file number 46745600.
2. Arroyo Doble provides water service under certificate of convenience and necessity (CCN) number 11117.
3. Arroyo Doble operates Texas Commission on Environmental Quality (TCEQ)-approved public water system ID No. 2270069 which serves 308 connections.

Application

4. On February 11, 2019, Arroyo Doble filed an application for a price-index rate adjustment to its water rates.
5. An effective date of April 29, 2019 was proposed.
6. In Order No. 2 issued on March 19, 2019, the administrative law judge (ALJ) deemed the application administratively complete.

**Rate Adjustment**

7. Arroyo Doble 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 3.20%.<sup>1</sup>
8. Arroyo Doble proposed increasing the monthly water base rate from \$20.00 to \$20.64 for 5/8 inch or 3/4 inch meters.
9. Arroyo Doble proposed increasing the block gallonage rate from \$2.24 to \$2.31 per 1,000 gallons for usage of 0 to 7,000 gallons, \$2.80 to \$2.89 per 1,000 gallons for usage of 7,001 to 15,000 gallons, \$4.20 to \$4.33 per 1,000 gallons for usage of 15,001 to 30,000 gallons, and \$5.60 to \$5.78 per 1,000 gallons for usage of over 30,001 gallons.

**Filing Schedule**

10. A class C utility with a CCN number ending in 00-27 may file an application for a price-index rate adjustment in Quarter 1, January through March. Arroyo Doble filed in February with CCN number ending in 17.
11. This filing is the first price index adjustment for Arroyo Doble.

**Annual Report**

12. Arroyo Doble 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.

**Tariff**

13. On March 7, 2019, Commission Staff filed the proposed tariff as an attachment to its recommendation.

**Informal Disposition**

14. More than 15 days have passed since the completion of notice provided in this docket.
15. No person filed a protest or motion to intervene.
16. Arroyo Doble and Commission Staff are the only parties to this proceeding.
17. No party requested a hearing and no hearing is needed.
18. Commission Staff recommended approval of the application.

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<sup>1</sup> *Proceeding to Establish the Calendar Year 2019 Price Index for Rate Adjustments Under Texas Water Code § 13.1872*, Docket No. 45320, Order (Nov. 8, 2018).

19. This decision is not adverse to any party.

## II. Conclusions of Law

The Commission makes the following conclusions of law.

1. The Commission has jurisdiction over the application under Texas Water Code (TWC) § 13.1872.
2. Arroyo Doble 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), Arroyo Doble 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 Arroyo Doble rates of 3.20% 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>2</sup> and Commission's rules.
6. Arroyo Doble 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), Arroyo Doble must provide notice after it receives a copy of this Notice and 30 days before the effective date of the proposed change.

## III. Ordering Paragraphs

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

1. The Commission adjusts Arroyo Doble's monthly water base rate to \$20.64 for 5/8 inch or 3/4 inch meters and the block gallonage rate to \$2.31 per 1,000 gallons for usage of 0 to 7,000 gallons, \$2.89 per 1,000 gallons for usage of 7,001 to 15,000 gallons, \$4.33 per 1,000

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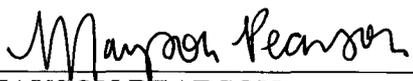
<sup>2</sup> Administrative Procedure Act, Tex. Gov't Code §§ 2001.001–902.

gallons for usage of 15,001 to 30,000 gallons, and to \$5.78 per 1,000 gallons for usage of over 30,001 gallons.

2. The Commission approves the tariff attached to Commission Staff's recommendation filed on March 7, 2019, effective 30 days after Arroyo Doble provides notice to its customers.
3. Arroyo Doble's new rates may go into effect 30 days after Arroyo Doble provides notice to customers.
4. Arroyo Doble must issue notice of the approved rate change to its customers at least 30 days before the effective date of the rate change.
5. Within ten days after Arroyo Doble 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.
6. The Commission denies all other motions and any other requests for general or specific relief, if not expressly granted.

Signed at Austin, Texas the 22nd day of March 2019.

**PUBLIC UTILITY COMMISSION OF TEXAS**

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