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**CITY OF CELINA'S RESPONSES TO COMMISSION STAFF'S
REQUEST FOR INFORMATION 2-1 THROUGH 2-6 AND COMMISSION STAFF'S
REQUEST FOR ADMISSION 2-1**

Now comes CITY OF CELINA ("CELINA") and serves its Responses to the Commission Staff's Second Request for Information and Request for Admission.

These responses are timely filed. CELINA stipulates that responses to requests for information can be treated by all parties as if the answers were filed under oath. CELINA reserves the right to amend or supplement its responses.

Respectfully submitted,

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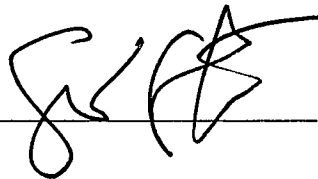
CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I hereby certify that a copy of the foregoing document has been served on all parties of record on this 15th day of May, 2019, in accordance with 16 Tex. Admin. Code § 22.74.

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**CITY OF CELINA'S RESPONSE TO COMMISSION STAFF'S
SECOND REQUEST FOR INFORMATION NOS. 2-1 THROUGH 2-6
AND COMMISSION STAFF'S SECOND REQUEST FOR ADMISSION NO. 2-1**

REQUEST FOR INFORMATION STAFF 2-1:

Staff 2-1. For the Rate Ordinance #2018-66, were water sewer customers located outside Celina corporate limits charged the rates effective on Jan-19, on Jan-20, or on Jan-21?

RESPONSE: Water/ sewer customers located outside the City of Celina corporate limits were, for approximately one month, charged rates in Ordinance #2018-66 that were listed as being effective January, 2020.

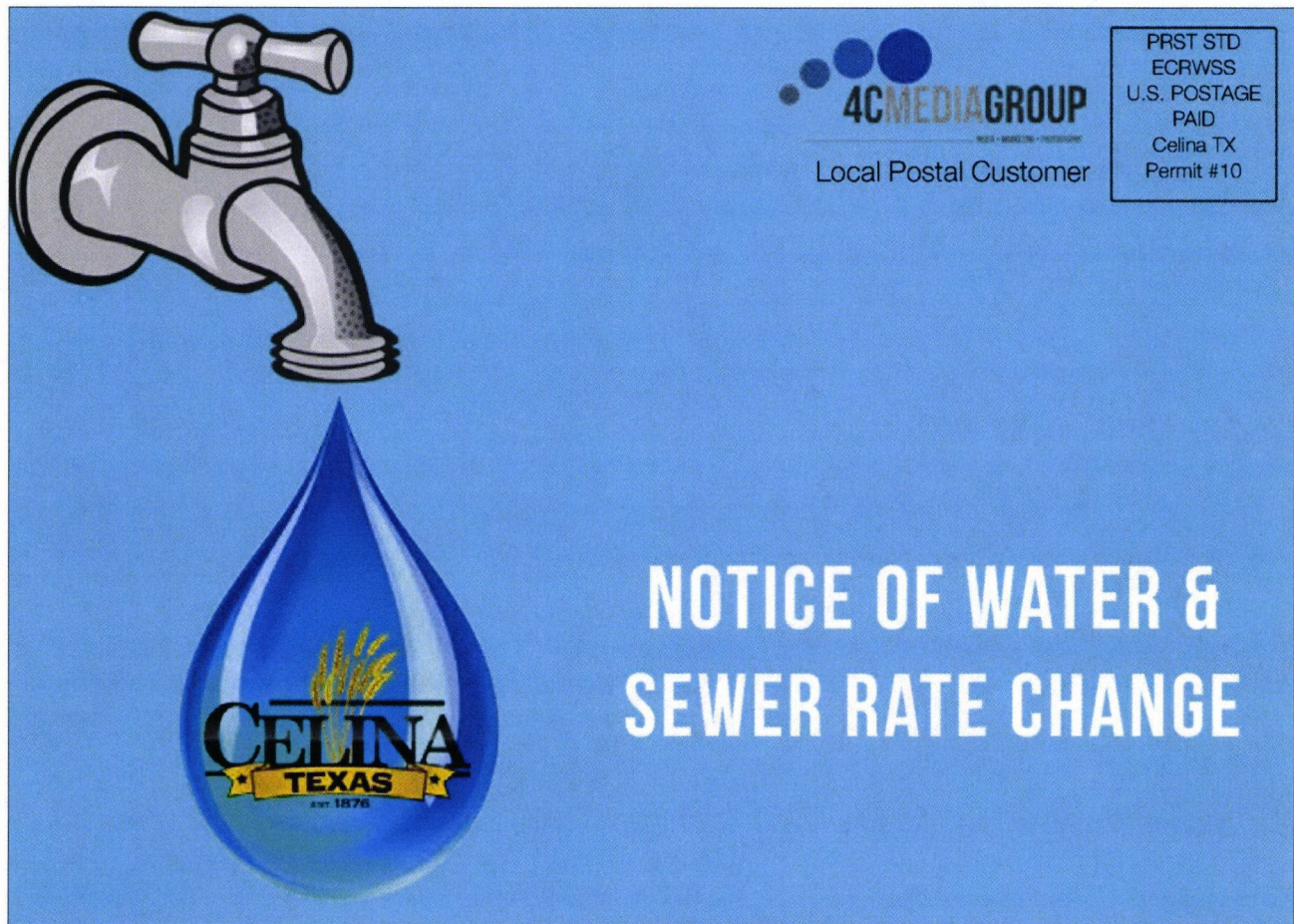
Sponsor: Jason Laumer, City Manager

REQUEST FOR INFORMATION STAFF 2-2:

Staff 2-2. For the Rate Ordinance #2018-66, originally effective January 1, 2019, please provide an original copy of the individual written notice provided to eligible ratepayers pursuant to Texas Water Code § 13.043(i).

RESPONSE: See below.

Side 1:



RESPONSE TO REQUEST FOR INFORMATION STAFF 2-2, Continued:

Side 2:

At the October 9, 2018, City Council Meeting Willdan Financial Services presented a water and sewer rate study to City Council. Based on the finding of the study, City Council approved an increase in water and sewer rates at the November 13, 2018, City Council Meeting as follows:

Water		Inside City Limits		Outside City Limits	
Base Rate		Current Rate	New Rate	Current Rate	New Rate
3/4 inch		\$ 23.15	\$ 23.84	\$ 34.72	\$ 35.76
1 inch		\$ 38.93	\$ 40.10	\$ 58.40	\$ 60.15
1.5 inch		\$ 77.87	\$ 80.21	\$ 116.81	\$ 120.31

	Inside City Limits		Outside City Limits	
Volumetric Charge (gallons)	Current Rate	New Rate	Current Rate	New Rate
2,001-10,000	5.06	5.21	7.59	7.82
10,000-20,000	7.66	7.89	11.49	11.83
20,000-30,000	9.02	9.29	13.53	13.94
30,000 and over	13.02	13.41	19.53	20.12

Sewer		Inside City Limits		Outside City Limits	
Base Rate		Current Rate	New Rate	Current Rate	New Rate
3/4 inch		\$ 21.50	\$ 23.44	\$ 32.25	\$ 35.15
1 inch		\$ 38.63	\$ 42.11	\$ 57.95	\$ 63.17
1.5 inch		\$ 72.10	\$ 78.59	\$ 108.15	\$ 117.88

	Inside City Limits		Outside City Limits	
Volumetric Charge (gallons)	Current Rate	New Rate	Current Rate	New Rate
2,001-5,000		5.84		8.76
5,000-13,000		7.23		10.85

The rates will be reflected on your water bill that will be due and payable on March 10, 2019. For more information on the water and sewer rates, residential and commercial, or to view the study, please visit www.celina-tx.gov/utilities. If you have further questions, please call 972-382-3345.



Sponsor: Jason Laumer, City Manager

REQUEST FOR INFORMATION STAFF 2-3:

Staff 2-3. For the Rate Ordinance #2019-8, please provide an original copy of the individual written notice provided to eligible ratepayers pursuant to Texas Water Code § 13.043(i).

RESPONSE: Ordinance #2019-8 was approved and effective March 19, 2019. The City of Celina plans to provide notice to eligible ratepayers within 60 days after the date of this final decision on a rate change in compliance with Texas Water Code Sec. 13.043(i).

Sponsor: Jason Laumer, City Manager

REQUEST FOR INFORMATION 2-4:

Staff 2-4. When were eligible ratepayers provided notice for the rate decision under Rate Ordinance #2018-66?

RESPONSE: See Response to Staff 2-2. Written notice was provided to each eligible ratepayer residing outside the boundaries of the municipality on February 13, 2019. Notice was also posted on the City's website.

Sponsor: Jason Laumer, City Manager

REQUEST FOR INFORMATION 2-5:

[NO RFI NO. 2-5 LISTED IN SECOND RFI]

REQUEST FOR INFORMATION 2-6:

Staff 2-6. When were eligible ratepayers provided notice for the rate decision under Rate Ordinance #2019-8?

RESPONSE: See Response to Staff 2-3. Ordinance #2019-8 was approved and effective March 19, 2019. The City of Celina plans to provide notice to eligible ratepayers within 60 days after the date of this final decision on a rate change in compliance with Texas Water Code Sec. 13.043(i).

Sponsor: Jason Laumer, City Manager

REQUEST FOR ADMISSION 2-1:

Staff 2-1. Admit or deny that water and sewer customers outside the corporate limits of Celina were charged increased rates under Rate Ordinance #2018-66 from January 1, 2019 through March 19, 2019.

RESPONSE: Denied. The billing process for the increased rates of water customers outside the corporate limits of the City of Celina began February 16, 2019.

Sponsor: Jason Laumer, City Manager