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**DOCKET NO. 49382**

**APPLICATION OF NERRO SUPPLY, §  
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ENVIRONMENTAL, LLC FOR SALE, §  
TRANSFER, OR MERGER OF §  
FACILITIES AND CERTIFICATE §  
RIGHTS IN CHAMBERS, HARRIS §  
AND WALKER COUNTIES §**

**PUBLIC UTILITY COMMISSION  
OF TEXAS**



**JOINT MOTION TO ADMIT EVIDENCE AND  
JOINT PROPOSED NOTICE OF APPROVAL**

**COME NOW** Nerro Supply, LLC (Nerro), Undine Texas Environmental, LLC (Undine), and the Staff (Commission Staff) of the Public Utility Commission of Texas (Commission) (collectively, Parties), and hereby submit this Joint Motion to Admit Evidence and Joint Proposed Notice of Approval. In support thereof, the Parties show the following:

**I. BACKGROUND**

On March 27, 2019, Nerro and Undine (collectively, Applicants) filed an application for sale, transfer, or merger of facilities and certificate rights in Chambers, Harris and Walker Counties, Texas, pursuant to Texas Water Code Ann. § 13.301 and the 16 Texas Administrative Code § 24.239. Specifically, Applicants seek to sell and transfer portions of Nerro’s facilities and service area under sewer Certificate of Convenience (CCN) number 20366 into Undine’s CCN number 20816. The requested transfer includes service area within the Bayridge Subdivision and Oaks at Houston Point in Chambers County; Greens Bayou Fabrication Yard in Harris County; and Wildwood Shores in Walker County.

On January 28, 2020, the Commission Administrative Law Judge (ALJ) issued Order No. 9, approving the sale and transfer to proceed. Order No. 12, issued September 21, 2020, established a deadline of October 26, 2020 for the Parties to file a joint motion to admit evidence and proposed notice of approval. Therefore, this pleading is timely filed.

**II. JOINT MOTION TO ADMIT EVIDENCE**

The Parties request the entry of the following additional items into the record of this proceeding:

- (a) Applicant's Bill of Sale (filed on July 6, 2020, Interchange Item Nos. 50 and 51);
- (b) Staff's Closing Documents Sufficiency Recommendation (filed on July 22, 2020, Interchange Item No. 52);
- (c) Applicants' consent forms (filed on September 21, 2020, Interchange Item No. 58); and
- (d) the attached maps, certificate, and tariff.

### **III. JOINT PROPOSED NOTICE OF APPROVAL**

The Parties move for adoption of the attached Joint Proposed Notice of Approval.

### **IV. CONCLUSION**

The Parties respectfully request that the items listed above be admitted into the record of this proceeding as evidence and that the Commission adopt the attached Joint Proposed Notice of Approval.

Dated: October 15, 2020

Respectfully submitted,

**PUBLIC UTILITY COMMISSION OF TEXAS  
LEGAL DIVISION**

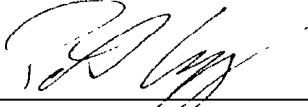
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**JOINT PROPOSED NOTICE OF APPROVAL**

This Joint Proposed Notice of Approval addresses the application of Nerro Supply, LLC (Nerro) and Undine Texas Environmental, LLC (Undine) (collectively, Applicants) for sale, transfer, or merger of facilities and certificate rights in Chambers, Harris and Walker Counties, Texas, pursuant to Texas Water Code (TWC) Ann. § 13.301 and the 16 Texas Administrative Code (TAC) § 24.239. Specifically, Applicants seek to sell and transfer portions of Nerro’s facilities and service area under sewer Certificate of Convenience (CCN) number 20366 into Undine’s CCN number 20816. The requested transfer includes service area within the Bayridge Subdivision and Oaks at Houston Point in Chambers County; Greens Bayou Fabrication Yard in Harris County; and Wildwood Shores in Walker County.

The Staff (Commission Staff) of the Public Utility Commission (Commission) recommended approval of the application. Consistent with Staff’s recommendation, the application is approved.

**I. FINDINGS OF FACT**

The Commission adopts the following findings of fact:

**Applicant**

1. Nerro is a for-profit corporation registered with the Texas secretary of state under file number 801380548 that provides sewer service in Texas under CCN number 20366.
2. Undine is a for-profit corporation registered with the Texas secretary of state under file number 801768069 that provides sewer service in Texas under CCN number 20816.
3. Nerro owns 3 wastewater systems (PWS) registered with the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality (TCEQ) under the following PWS numbers:

<b>Nerro Utility Name</b>	<b>PWSID</b>
Bayridge Sewer Treatment Plant	TX0042081
Greens Bayou Fabrication Yard	TX0100935
HUI Enterprises, Inc.	TX0122181

4. Undine owns 10 PWS registered with the TCEQ under the following PWS numbers:

<b>Undine Utility Name</b>	<b>PWSID</b>
Country Vista	0113573
Grand Ranch	0115991
Mayfair	0105872
Sugartree	0122271
Angle Acres WWTP	0088366
Beechwood WWTP	0079260
Greenshores on Lake Austin	N/A
Oak Shores WWTP	N/A
Southwood	0093823
Spring Crossing	N/A

**Application**

5. On March 27, 2019, Nerro and Undine filed an application for the approval of the sale, transfer or merger of facilities and certificate rights in Chambers, Harris and Walker Counties.
6. Undine, holder of sewer CCN number 20816, seeks approval to acquire facilities and to transfer a portion of Nerro's sewer CCN number 20366.
7. The requested areas include:  
 Bayridge Sewer Treatment Plant (Bayridge Subdivision and Oaks at Houston Point) in Chambers County; Greens Bayou Fabrication Yard in Harris County; and HUI Enterprises, Inc. (Wildwood Shores WWTP) in Walker County.

**Bayridge Sewer Treatment Plant (Bayridge Subdivision and Oaks at Houston Point)**  
 The two requested areas are located approximately 1.5 miles southwest of downtown Beach City, TX, and is generally bounded on the north by Tri City Beach Road; on the east by Jordan Road; on the south by Trinity Bay; and on the west by Cedar Point Road.

The requested areas includes approximately 143 total acres and 116 current customers.

Greens Bayou Fabrication Yard

The requested area is located approximately 3.4 miles east/northeast of downtown Galena Park, TX, and is generally bounded on the north by Greens Bayou; on the east by Greens Bayou; on the south by Buffalo Bayou; and on the west by Industrial Road.

The requested area includes approximately 254 total acres and 148 current customers.

HUI Enterprises, Inc. (Wildwood Shores WWTP)

The requested area is located approximately 7.3 miles west of downtown New Waverly, TX, and is generally bounded on the north by .64 mile south of Pipkin Road; on the east by Forest Serve Road 222; on the south and west by Lake Paula (Reservoir at Lake Conroe).

The requested area includes approximately 240 total acres and 13 current customers.

8. The requested areas include approximately 637 acres and 394 current customers.
9. In Order No. 4, issued on July 18, 2019, the Administrative Law Judge (“ALJ”) deemed the Application administratively complete.

**Notice**

10. On August 6, 2019, Carey A. Thomas, Senior Vice President filed an affidavit on behalf of Undine, attesting that notice was provided to all Current Customers, Neighboring Utilities, and Affected Parties on July 26, 2019.
11. On August 27, 2019, Carey A. Thomas, Senior Vice President filed an affidavit on behalf of Undine, attesting that notice was provided to all Current Customers, Neighboring Utilities, Affected Parties and Nerro on August 27, 2019.
12. In Order No. 6, issued on September 12, 2019, the ALJ deemed the notice sufficient.

**Evidentiary Record**

13. On December 9, 2019, the Parties jointly moved to admit evidence.
14. In Order No. 7, issued on November 5, 2019 and Order No. 8, issued on January 22, 2020, the ALJ admitted the following evidence into the record: (a) the Application (filed on March 27, 2019); (b) Undine’s responses to Commission Staff’s first request for information (filed July 23, 2019); (c) Undine’s proof of notice and supporting documentation (filed on August 8, 2019); (d) Undine’s responses to Commission Staff’s second request for information (filed on August 26, 2019); (e) Undine’s supplement to its proof of notice (filed on August 27, 2019); and (f) Staff’s recommendation on transaction, and attachments thereto (filed October 24, 2019).

**Sale**

15. In Order No. 9 filed January 28, 2020, the ALJ approved the transaction to proceed and required Applicants to file proof that the transaction had closed and that customer deposits had been addressed.
16. On July 6, 2020, Applicants filed notice that the sale had closed on June 30, 2020, along with the attached bill of sale and Affidavit of Customer Deposits evidencing the transfer of the customer deposits from Nerro Supply, LLC and Nerro Supply Investors, LLC were transferred to Undine on June 30, 2020, noting that Attachment 1 to Exhibit B was submitted under a claim of confidentiality under 16 TAC § 22.71(d) to protect personal identifying information relating to customer names and addresses.

17. In Order No. 10 filed on July 31, 2020, the ALJ found the closing documents sufficient.

**System Compliance—Texas Water Code (TWC) § 13.301(e)(3)(A); 16 Texas Administrative Code (TAC) §§ 24.227(a), 24.239(j)(3)(A), (j)(5)(A)**

18. Applicants have not been subject to any unresolved enforcement action by the Commission, TCEQ, the Texas Department of Health, the Office of Attorney General, or the United States Environmental Protection Agency.

**Adequacy of Existing Service—TWC § 13.301(c)(1); 16 TAC §§ 24.227(e)(1), (j)(5)(B)**

19. Nerro owns and operates 3 wastewater facilities and wastewater discharge permits to be transferred in this transaction that currently provide continuous and adequate service to its customers and does not have any unresolved violations from the TCEQ.

**Need for Additional Service—TWC §13.246(c)(2); 16 TAC §§ 24.227(e)(2), 24.239(j)(5)(C)**

20. There are 394 existing connections in the area to be transferred, therefore there is no need for additional service.
21. Undine has adequate financial, technical, and managerial capabilities to provide service in case there comes a need for additional service.

**Effect of Approving the Transaction and Granting the Amendment—TWC § 13.246(c)(3); 16 TAC §§ 24.227(e)(3), 24.239(j)(5)(D)**

22. There is no effect on any retail public utility servicing the proximate areas.
23. There will be no effect on landowners as the areas are currently certified.



**Ability to Serve: Managerial and Technical—TWC §§ 13.241(a), 13.301(b), (e)(2); 16 TAC §§ 24.227(a), (e)(4), 24.239(g), (j)(5)(E)**

24. Undine has a sufficient number of licensed operators and the managerial and technical capability to provide adequate and continuous service to the requested service areas.
25. Nerro and Undine have sufficient capability to serve the customers and no additional construction is necessary.

**Feasibility of Obtaining Service from Adjacent Retail Public Utility—TWC § 13.246(c)(5); 16 TAC § 24.227(d)(5), 24.239(j)(5)(F)26.**

26. Nerro is currently serving the existing customers with 3 existing public wastewater facilities registered with the TCEQ and has sufficient capacity.
27. Utilities within a 2-mile radius were noticed and no protests or requests to opt out were received regarding the proposed transaction.
28. The feasibility of an adjacent utility providing service to the requested areas was not considered because the existing facilities possess sufficient capacity.

**Ability to Serve: Financial Ability and Stability—TWC §§ 13.241(a), 13.246(c)(6), 13.301(b); 16 TAC 0 24.11(e), 24.227(a), (e)(6), 24.239(2), (j)(5)(G)**

29. Undine meets the leverage test with an effective debt service coverage ratio greater than 1.25.
30. Undine has demonstrated that it has the available cash levels to serve the requested service area.
31. Undine has demonstrated the financial capability and stability to provide continuous and adequate water service.

**Financial Assurance—TWC §§ 13.246(d), 13.301(c); 16 TAC a 24.227(f), 24.239(h)**

32. Undine's projected operating revenues are sufficient to cover the projected operations and maintenance expenses for the first five years after the completion of the proposed sale and transfer.
33. There is no need to require Undine to provide a bond or other financial assurance to ensure continuous and adequate service.

**Environmental Integrity—TWC § 13.246(c)(7); 16 TAC §§ 24.227(e)(7), 24.239(j)(5)(H); and Effect on the Land—TWC 13.246(c)(9); 16 TAC § 24.227(d)(9)**

34. The proposed transaction will not adversely impact the environmental integrity of the land because the requested areas are currently receiving service.
35. The effect on the land should be minimal as the requested areas will continue to be served by existing systems and facilities and no additional construction is needed.

**Improvement of Service or Lowering Cost to Consumers—TWC § 13.246(c)(8); 16 TAC §§ 24.227(e)(8), 24.239(j)(5)(I)**

36. The proposed transaction will continue to provide the same level of wastewater service as has already been provided to the existing customers in the area.
37. Rates will not change as a result of the approval of this application.

**Regionalization or Consolidation—TWC § 13.241(d); 16 TAC § 24.227(b)**

38. Undine does not anticipate building any new facilities to continue service the requested area and is not requesting to add service area in the proposed transaction; therefore, regionalization or consolidation is not applicable.

**Tariffs, Maps, and Certificates**

39. On September 3, 2020, Commission Staff emailed Applicants the final proposed maps, certificate, and tariff related to this docket.
40. On September 21, 2020 Nerro and Undine filed their consent forms concurring with the maps, certificate, and revised tariff.
41. The final maps, certificates, and tariffs were included as attachments to the Joint Motion to Admit Evidence, filed on October 15, 2020.
42. Nerro has sold and transferred all facilities and service area held under CCN number 20366 to Undine.

**Informal Disposition**

43. More than 15 days have passed since the completion of notice provided in this docket.
44. No person filed a protest or motion to intervene.
45. Nerro, Undine, and Commission Staff are the only parties to this proceeding.
46. No party requested a hearing and no hearing is needed.
47. Commission Staff recommended approval of the application.
48. The 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 this proceeding under TWC §§ 13.041, 13.241, 13.244, 13.246, 13.251, and 13.301.
2. Nerro and Undine are retail public utilities as defined by TWC § 13.002(19) and 16 TAC § 24.3(31).
3. Public notice of the application was provided as required by TWC § 13.301(a)(2) and 16 TAC § 24.239(a) through (c).
4. The Commission processed the application as required by the TWC, the Administrative Procedure Act,<sup>1</sup> and Commission rules.
5. Applicants completed the sale within the time required by 16 TAC § 24.239(o).
6. Applicants complied with the requirements of 16 TAC § 24.239(m) with respect to customer deposits.
7. After consideration of the factors in TWC § 13.246(c) and 16 TAC §§ 24.227(e) and 24.239(j)(5), Undine has demonstrated adequate financial, managerial, and technical capability for providing adequate and continuous service to the requested areas, as required by TWC § 13.301(b) and 16 TAC § 24.239(g).
8. Applicants have demonstrated that the sale of Nerro's sewer system and the transfer of all of the service area under sewer CCN number 20366 into Undine's CCN number 20816 will serve the public interest and is necessary for the service, accommodation, convenience, or safety of the public, as required by TWC §§ 13.246(b), 13.301(d).
9. It is not necessary for Undine to provide a bond or other financial assurance under TWC §§ 13.246(d) and 13.301(c).
10. Undine meets the requirements of TWC §§ 13.241(b) and 13.301(b) to provide water utility service.
11. Undine must record a certified copy of the certificate granted and maps approved by this Notice of Approval, along with a boundary description of the service area, in the real property records of Chambers, Harris and Walker Counties within 31 days of receiving this

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<sup>1</sup> Administrative Procedure Act, Tex. Gov't Code § 2001 001—902 (APA).

Notice of Approval and submit to the Commission evidence of the recording, as required by TWC§ 13.257(r) and (s).

12. The requirements for informal disposition under 16 TAC § 22.35 have been met in this proceeding.

### **III. ORDERING PARAGRAPHS**

In accordance with these findings of fact and conclusions of law, the Commission issues the following order:

1. The Commission approves Undine's purchase of Nerro's sewer system and the transfer of Nerro's sewer service area under CCN number 20366 into Undine's CCN number 20816, to the extent provided in this Notice of Approval. The Commission must revise its records to reflect Undine as the holder of CCN number 20366.
2. The Commission approves the attached maps, certificate, and tariff, which were attached to this Notice of Approval.
3. Undine must serve every customer and applicant for service within the terms of Undine's sewer service, and such service must be continuous and adequate.
4. Undine must comply with the recording requirements in TWC § 13.257(r) and (s) for the areas in Chambers, Harris and Walker Counties affected by the application and submit to the Commission evidence of the recording no later than 31 days after receipt of this Notice of Approval.
5. Within ten days of the date of this Notice of Approval, Commission Staff must provide a clean copy of the tariff approved by this Notice of Approval to central records to be marked Approved and filed in the Commission's tariff books.
6. The Commission denies all other motions and any other requests for general or specific relief, if not expressly granted.

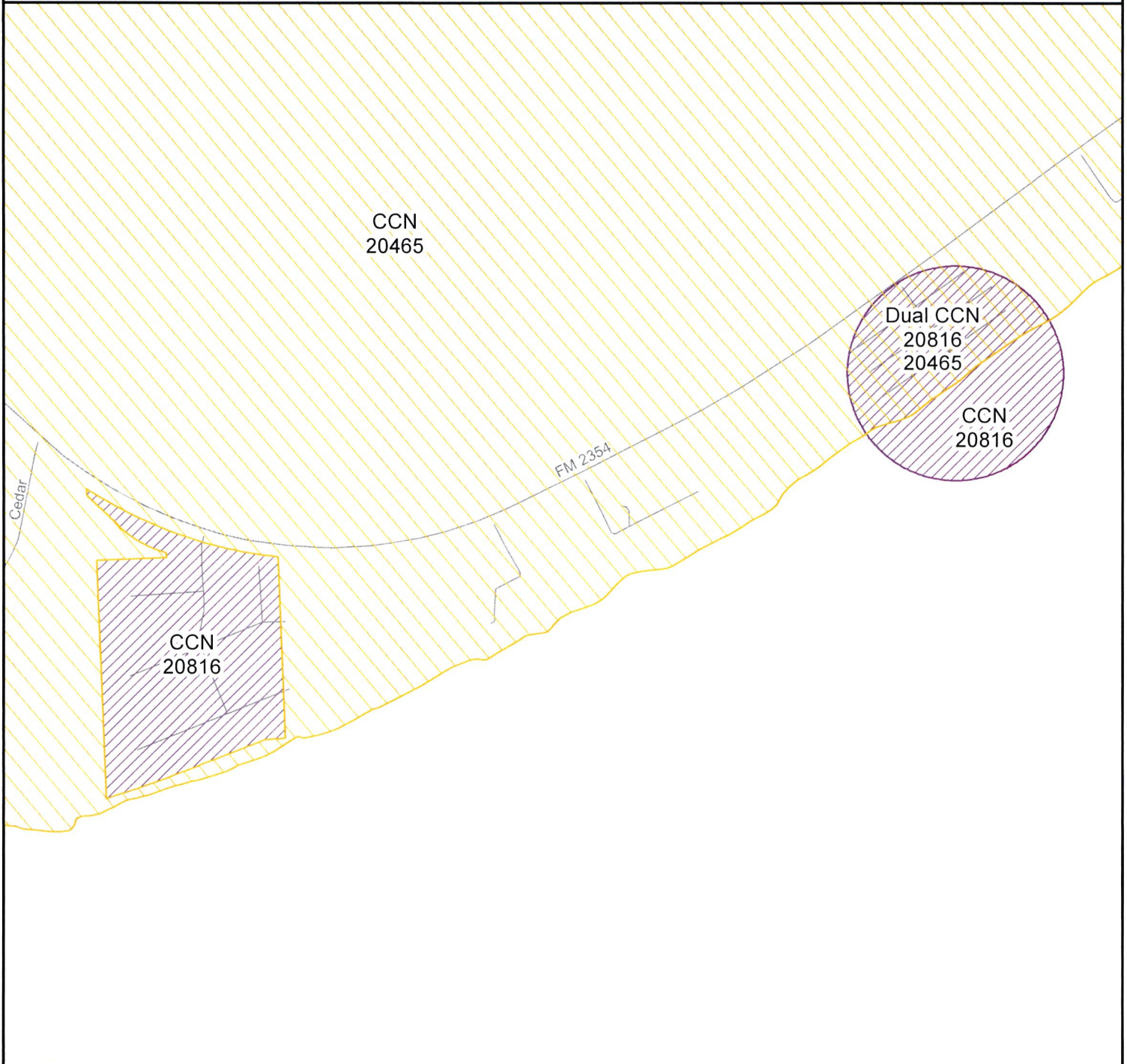
**Signed at Austin, Texas the \_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_ 2020.**

**PUBLIC UTILITY COMMISSION OF TEXAS**

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**ADMINISTRATIVE LAW JUDGE**

Undine Texas Environmental, LLC  
Portion of Sewer CCN No. 20816  
PUC Docket No. 49382  
Transferred a Portion of Nerro Supply, LLC., CCN No. 20366 in Chambers County



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**Sewer CCN**



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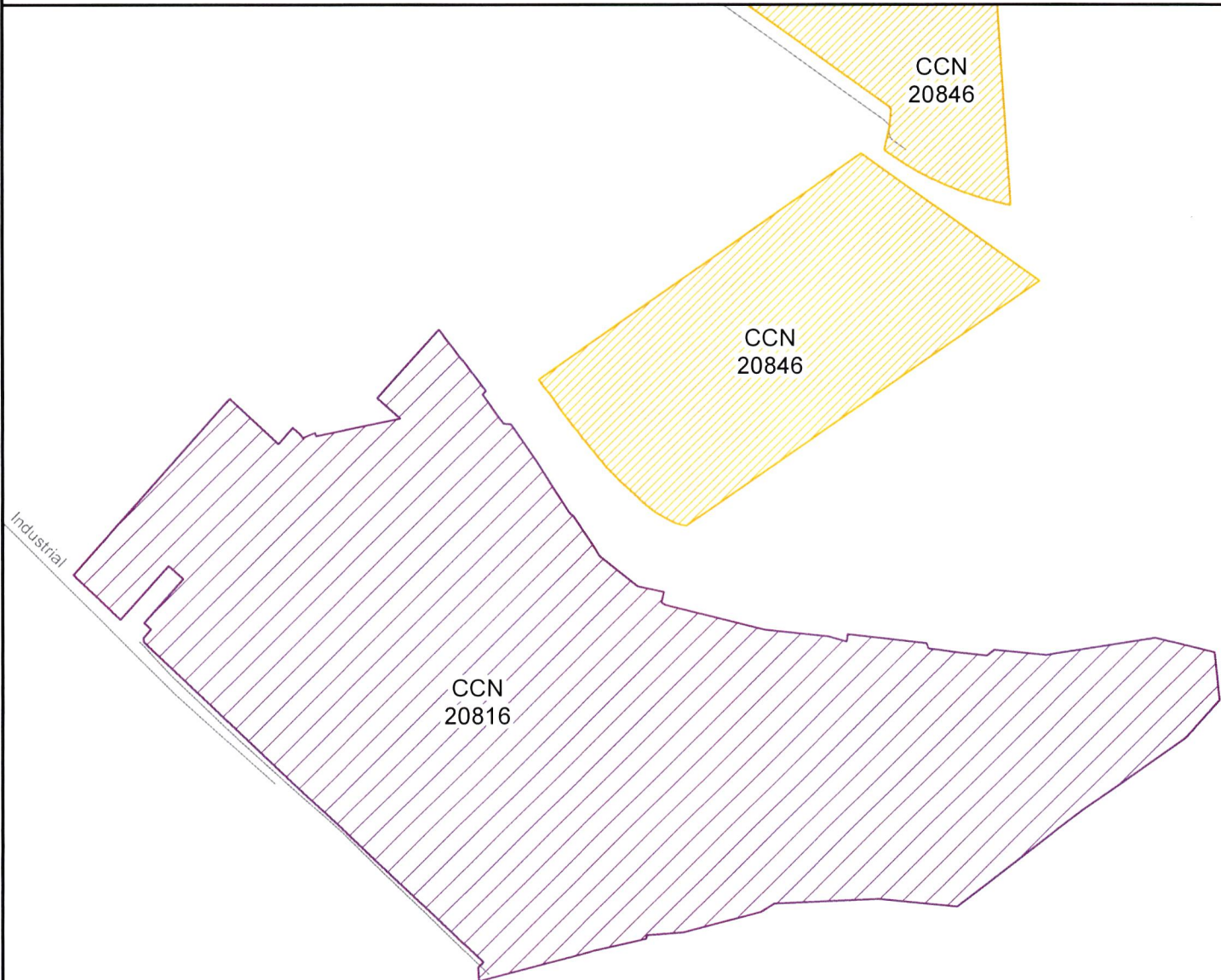
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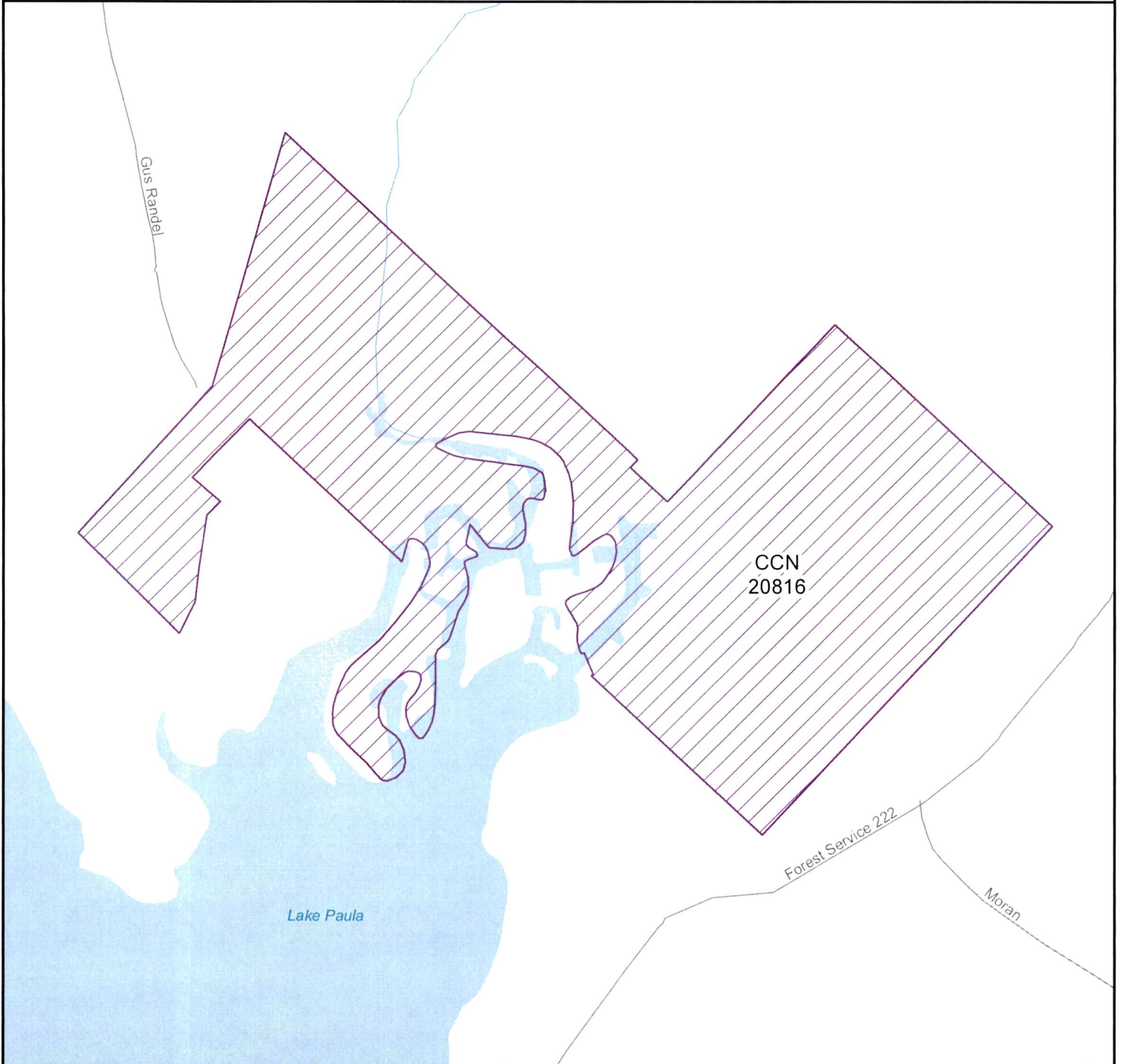
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-  20816 - Undine Environmental LLC
-  20846 - GB Biosciences Corp



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Undine Texas Environmental, LLC  
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**Sewer CCN**

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# **Public Utility Commission of Texas**

**By These Presents Be It Known To All That**

## **Nerro Supply, LLC**

having obtained certification to provide sewer utility service for the convenience and necessity of the public, and it having been determined by this Commission that the public convenience and necessity would in fact be advanced by the provision of such service, Nerro Supply, LLC is entitled to this

### **Certificate of Convenience and Necessity No. 20366**

to provide continuous and adequate sewer utility service to that service area or those service areas in Chambers, Harris, and Liberty Counties as by final Order or Orders duly entered by this Commission, which Order or Orders resulting from Docket No. 49382 are on file at the Commission offices in Austin, Texas; and are matters of official record available for public inspection; and be it known further that these presents do evidence the authority and the duty of the Nerro Supply, LLC to provide such utility service in accordance with the laws of this State and Rules of this Commission, subject only to any power and responsibility of this Commission to revoke or amend this Certificate in whole or in part upon a subsequent showing that the public convenience and necessity would be better served thereby.

Issued at Austin, Texas, this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_ 20\_\_.





**SEWER UTILITY TARIFF**  
**Docket Number: 49382**

Nerro Supply, LLC  
(Utility Name)

5900 Westview Dr.  
(Business Address)

Houston, Texas 77055-5418  
(City, State, Zip Code)

(281) 355-1312  
(Area Code/Telephone)

This tariff is effective for utility operations under the following Certificate of Convenience and Necessity:

20366

This tariff is effective in the following counties:

Chambers, Harris, and Liberty

This tariff is effective in the following cities or unincorporated towns (if any):

Beach City (Oaks at Houston Point and Sunflower Subdivision)

**THE RATES SET OR APPROVED BY THE CITY FOR THE SYSTEMS ENTIRELY WITHIN ITS CORPORATE BOUNDARY ARE NOT PRESENTED IN THIS TARIFF. THOSE RATES ARE NOT UNDER THE ORIGINAL JURISDICTION OF THE PUBLIC UTILITY COMMISSION OF TEXAS AND WILL HAVE TO BE OBTAINED FROM THE CITY OR UTILITY**

This tariff is effective in the following subdivision:

See attached list

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The above utility lists the following sections of its tariff (if additional pages are needed for a section, all pages should be numbered consecutively):

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APPENDIX A: SAMPLE SERVICE AGREEMENT

APPENDIX B: APPLICATION FOR SERVICE

Nerro Supply, LLC		
Maple Leaf Gardens	WQ 12342-001	Harris
*Oaks at Houston Point	WQ 0013643-001	Chambers
*Sunflower Subdivision	WQ 0013643-001	Chambers
Woodland Acres	WQ 117250-001	Chambers

\* Entirely within the City of Beach City

SECTION 1.0 -- RATE SCHEDULE

Section 1.01 - Rates

<u>Meter Size</u>	<u>Monthly Minimum Charge</u>	<u>Gallonge Charge</u>
5/8" or 3/4"	\$36.15 (Includes 0 gallons)	\$2.00 per 1,000 gallons
1 1/2"	\$90.38	
2"	\$180.75	
3"	\$289.20	
4"	\$903.75	

Gallonge charges are determined based on average consumption for winter period which includes the following months: December, January, and February.

FORM OF PAYMENT: The utility will accept the following forms of payment:

Cash X, Check X, Money Order X, Credit Card X, 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.

Phone Payment Fee\*: A fee of five percent (5%) of the amount paid will be charged for all phone payments.

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

Section 1.02 - Miscellaneous Fees

TAP FEE (Residential) ..... Actual Cost  
 TAP FEE COVERS THE UTILITY'S COSTS FOR MATERIALS AND LABOR TO INSTALL A STANDARD RESIDENTIAL CONNECTION 5/8" or 3/4" METER.

NON-RESIDENTIAL TAP FEE (Large Connection Tap) ..... Actual Cost  
 TAP FEE IS THE BASED ON THE AVERAGE OF THE UTILITY'S COST FOR MATERIALS AND LABOR FOR NON-RESIDENTIAL CONNECTIONS

RECONNECTION FEE

THE RECONNECT FEE MUST BE PAID BEFORE SERVICE CAN BE RESTORED TO A CUSTOMER WHO HAS BEEN DISCONNECTED FOR THE FOLLOWING REASONS (OR OTHER REASONS LISTED UNDER SECTION 2 0 OF THIS TARIFF):

- a) Non-payment of bill (Maximum \$25.00) ..... \$25.00
- b) Customer's request that service be disconnected ..... \$50.00

TRANSFER FEE..... \$50.00  
 THE TRANSFER FEE WILL BE CHARGED FOR CHANGING AN ACCOUNT NAME AT THE SAME SERVICE LOCATION WHEN THE SERVICE IS NOT DISCONNECTED.

LATE CHARGE (EITHER \$5.00 OR 10% OF THE BILL) ..... \$5.00  
 PUC RULES ALLOW A ONE-TIME PENALTY TO BE CHARGED ON DELINQUENT BILLS. A LATE CHARGE MAY NOT BE APPLIED TO ANY BALANCE TO WHICH THE PENALTY WAS APPLIED IN A PREVIOUS BILLING.

SECTION 1.0 -- RATE SCHEDULE (Continued)

RETURNED CHECK CHARGE .....	<u>\$30.00</u>
RETURNED CHECK CHARGES MUST BE BASED ON THE UTILITY'S DOCUMENTABLE COST.	
CUSTOMER DEPOSIT RESIDENTIAL (Maximum \$50).....	<u>\$50.00</u>
COMMERCIAL & NON-RESIDENTIAL .....	<u>1/6<sup>TH</sup> OF ESTIMATED ANNUAL BILL</u>

## SECTION 2.0 – SERVICE RULES AND POLICIES (Continued)

The utility will have the most current Public Utility Commission of Texas (PUC or Commission) Rules relating to sewer utilities available at its office for reference purposes. The Rules and this tariff shall be available for public inspection and reproduction at a reasonable cost. The latest Rules or Commission approved changes to the Rules supersede any rules or requirements in this tariff.

### Section 2.01 - Application for Sewer Service

All applications for service will be made on the utility's standard application or contract form (attached in the Appendix to this tariff), will be signed by the applicant, any required fees (deposits, reconnect, tap, extension fees, etc. as applicable) will be paid and easements, if required, will be granted before service is provided by the utility. A separate application or contract will be made for each service location.

### Section 2.02 - Refusal of Service

The utility may decline to serve an applicant until the applicant has complied with the regulations of the regulatory agencies (state and municipal regulations) and for the reasons outlined in the commission rules. In the event that the utility refuses to serve an applicant, the utility will inform the applicant in writing of the basis of its refusal. The utility is also required to inform the applicant that a complaint may be filed with the Commission.

### Section 2.03 - Fees and Charges & Easements Required Before Service Can Be Connected

#### (A) Customer Deposits

If a residential applicant cannot establish credit to the satisfaction of the utility, the applicant may be required to pay a deposit as provided for in Section 1.02 - Miscellaneous Fees of this tariff. The utility will keep records of the deposit and credit interest in accordance with the commission rules.

Residential applicants 65 years of age or older may not be required to pay deposits unless the applicant has an outstanding account balance with the utility or another water or sewer utility which accrued within the last two years.

Nonresidential applicants who cannot establish credit to the satisfaction of the utility may be required to make a deposit that does not exceed an amount equivalent to one-sixth of the estimated annual billings.

Refund of Deposit - If service is not connected, or after disconnection of service, the utility will promptly refund the customer's deposit plus accrued interest or the balance, if any, in excess of the unpaid bills for service furnished. The utility may refund the residential customer's deposit at any time prior to termination of utility service but must refund the deposit plus interest for any residential customer who has paid 18 consecutive billings without being delinquent.

#### (B) Tap or Reconnect Fees

A new customer requesting service at a location where service has not previously been provided must pay a tap fee as provided in Section 1. A customer requesting service where service has previously been provided must pay a reconnect fee as provided in Section 1.

SECTION 2.0 – SERVICE RULES AND POLICIES (Continued)

Any applicant or existing customer required to pay for any costs not specifically set forth in the rate schedule pages of this tariff shall be given a written explanation of such costs prior to request for payment and/or commencement of construction. If the applicant or existing customer does not believe that these costs are reasonable or necessary, the applicant or existing customer shall be informed of their right to appeal such costs to the commission or such other regulatory authority having jurisdiction over the utility's rates in that portion of the utility's service area in which the applicant's or existing customer's property (ies) is (are) located.

Fees in addition to the regular tap fee may be charged to cover unique costs not normally incurred as permitted by § 24.163(a)(1)(C) if they are listed on this approved tariff. For example, a road bore for customers outside a subdivision or residential area could be considered a unique cost.

(C) Easement Requirement

Where recorded public utility easements on the service applicant's property do not exist or public road right-of-way easements are not available to access the applicant's property, the utility may require the applicant to provide it with a permanent recorded public utility easement on and across the applicant's real property sufficient to provide service to that applicant. Such easement(s) shall not be used for the construction of production, storage, transmission or pressure facilities unless they are needed for adequate service to that applicant.

Section 2.04 - Utility Response to Applications for Service

After the applicant has met all the requirements, conditions and regulations for service, the utility will install tap and utility cut-off and/or take all necessary actions to initiate service. The utility will serve each qualified applicant for service within 5 working days unless line extensions or new facilities are required. If construction is required to fill the order and if it cannot be completed within 30 days, the utility will provide the applicant with a written explanation of the construction required and an expected date of service.

Except for good cause where service has previously been provided, service will be reconnected within one working day after the applicant has met the requirements for reconnection.

Section 2.05 - Customer Responsibility

The customer will be responsible for furnishing and laying the necessary customer service pipe from the tap location to the place of consumption. Customers will not be allowed to use the utility's cutoff.

Section 2.06 Access to Customer's Premises

All customers or service applicants shall provide access to utility cutoffs at all times reasonably necessary to conduct ordinary utility business and after normal business hours as needed to protect and preserve the integrity of the public drinking water supply.

SECTION 2.0 – SERVICE RULES AND POLICIES (Continued)

Section 2.07 - Back Flow Prevention Devices

No water connection shall be made to any establishment where an actual or potential contamination or system hazard exists without an approved air gap or mechanical backflow prevention assembly. The back flow assembly shall be tested upon installation by a recognized prevention assembly tester and certified to be operating within specifications. Back flow prevention assemblies which are installed to provide protection against high health hazards must be tested and certified to be operating within specifications at least annually by a recognized back flow prevention device tester. The maintenance and testing of the back flow assembly shall occur at the customer's expense.

Section 2.10 - Billing

(A) Regular Billing

Bills from the utility will be mailed monthly unless otherwise authorized by the Commission. The due date of bills for utility service will be at least sixteen (16) days from the date of issuance. The postmark on the bill or, if there is no postmark on the bill, the recorded date of mailing by the utility will constitute proof of the date of issuance. Payment for utility service is delinquent if full payment, including late fees and the regulatory assessment, is not received at the utility or the utility's authorized payment agency by 5:00 p.m. on the due date. If the due date falls on a holiday or weekend, the due date for payment purposes will be the next workday after the due date.

(B) Late Fees

A late penalty of either \$5.00 or 10.0% will be charged on bills received after the due date. The penalty on delinquent bills will not be applied to any balance to which the penalty was applied in a previous billing. The utility must maintain a record of the date of mailing to charge the late penalty.

(C) Information on Bill

Each bill will provide all information required by the commission rules. For each of the systems it operates, the utility will maintain and note on the monthly bill a local or toll-free telephone number (or numbers) to which customers can direct questions about their utility service.

(D) Prorated Bills

If service is interrupted or seriously impaired for 24 consecutive hours or more, the utility will prorate the monthly base bill in proportion to the time service was not available to reflect this loss of service.

Section 2.11- Payments

All payments for utility service shall be delivered or mailed to the utility's business office. If the business office fails to receive payment prior to the time of noticed disconnection for non-payment of a delinquent account, service will be terminated as scheduled. Utility service crews shall not be allowed to collect payments on customer accounts in the field.

SECTION 2.0 – SERVICE RULES AND POLICIES (Continued)

Payment of an account by any means that has been dishonored and returned by the payor or payee's bank shall be deemed to be delinquent. All returned payments must be redeemed with cash or valid money order. If a customer has two returned payments within a twelve month period, the customer shall be required to pay a deposit if one has not already been paid.

Section 2.12 - Service Disconnection

(A) With Notice

Utility service may be disconnected if the bill has not been paid in full by the date listed on the termination notice. The termination date must be at least 10 days after the notice is mailed or hand delivered.

The utility is encouraged to offer a deferred payment plan to a customer who cannot pay an outstanding bill in full and is willing to pay the balance in reasonable installments. However, a customer's utility service may be disconnected if a bill has not been paid or a deferred payment agreement entered into within 26 days from the date of issuance of a bill and if proper notice of termination has been given.

Notice of termination must be a separate mailing or hand delivery in accordance with the commission rules.

(B) Without Notice

Utility service may also be disconnected without notice for reasons as described in the commission rules.

Section 2.13 - Reconnection of Service

Utility personnel must be available during normal business hours to accept payments on the day service is disconnected and the following day unless service was disconnected at the customer's request or due to a hazardous condition.

Service will be reconnected within 24 hours after the past due bill, reconnect fees and any other outstanding charges are paid or the conditions which caused service to be disconnected are corrected.

Section 2.14 - Service Interruptions

The utility will make all reasonable efforts to prevent interruptions of service. If interruptions occur, the utility will re-establish service within the shortest possible time. Except for momentary interruptions due to automatic equipment operations, the utility will keep a complete record of all interruptions, both emergency and scheduled and will notify the Commission in writing of any service interruptions affecting the entire system or any major division of the system lasting more than four hours. The notice will explain the cause of the interruptions.



SECTION 2.0 – SERVICE RULES AND POLICIES (Continued)

Section 2.15 - Quality of Service

The utility will plan, furnish, and maintain and operate production, treatment, storage, transmission, and collection facilities of sufficient size and capacity to provide continuous and adequate service for all reasonable consumer uses and to treat sewage and discharge effluent of the quality required by its discharge permit issued by the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality (TCEQ). Unless otherwise authorized by the TCEQ, the utility will maintain facilities as described in the TCEQ's rules.

Section 2.16 - Customer Complaints and Disputes

If a customer or applicant for service lodges a complaint, the utility will promptly make a suitable investigation and advise the complainant of the results. Service will not be disconnected pending completion of the investigation. If the complainant is dissatisfied with the utility's response, the utility must advise the complainant that he has recourse through the commission's complaint process. Pending resolution of a complaint, the commission may require continuation or restoration of service.

The utility will maintain a record of all complaints which shows the name and address of the complainant, the date and nature of the complaint and the adjustment or disposition thereof, for a period of two years after the final settlement of the complaint.

In the event of a dispute between a customer and a utility regarding any bill for utility service, the utility will conduct an investigation and report the results to the customer. If the dispute is not resolved, the utility will inform the customer that a complaint may be filed with the Commission.

Section 2.17 - Customer Liability

Customer shall be liable for any damage or injury to utility-owned property shown to be caused by the customer.

Section 3.01 - Standard Extension Requirements

Line Extension and Construction Charges: No Contributions in Aid of Construction may be required of any customer except as provided for in this approved extension policy.

### SECTION 3.0 – EXTENSION POLICY

The utility is not required to extend service to any applicant outside of its certified service area and will only do so under terms and conditions mutually agreeable to the utility and the applicant, in compliance with commission rules and policies, and upon extension of the utility's certified service area boundaries by the commission.

The applicant for service will be given an itemized statement of the costs, options such as rebates to the customer, sharing of construction costs between the utility and the customer, or sharing of costs between the customer and other applicants prior to beginning construction.

The utility is not required to extend service to any applicant outside of its certificated service area and will only do so under terms and conditions mutually agreeable to the utility and the applicant, in compliance with commission rules and policies, and upon extension of the utility's certificated service area boundaries by the commission.

#### Section 3.02 – Costs Utilities and Service Applicants Shall Bear

Within its certified area, the utility will pay the cost of the first 200 feet of any water main or distribution line necessary to extend service to an individual residential customer within a platted subdivision.

However, if the residential customer requesting service purchased the property after the developer was notified in writing of the need to provide facilities to the utility, the utility may charge for the first 200 feet. The utility must also be able to document that the developer of the subdivision refused to provide facilities compatible with the utility's facilities in accordance with the utility's approved extension policy after receiving a written request from the utility.

Residential customers will be charged the equivalent of the costs of extending service to their property from the nearest collection line even if that line does not have adequate capacity to serve the customer. However, if the customer places unique, non-standard service demands upon the system, the customer may be charged the additional cost of extending service to and throughout their property, including the cost of all necessary transmission and storage facilities necessary to meet the service demands anticipated to be created by that property.

Unless an exception is granted by the PUC, the residential service applicant shall not be required to pay for costs of main extensions greater than 6" in diameter for gravity wastewater lines.

Exceptions may be granted by the PUC if:

- adequate service cannot be provided to the applicant using the maximum line sizes listed due to distance or elevation, in which case, it shall be the utility's burden to justify that a larger diameter pipe is required for adequate service;
- or larger minimum line sizes are required under subdivision platting requirements or building codes of municipalities within those corporate limits or extraterritorial jurisdiction the point of use is located; or the residential service applicant is located outside the CCN service area.

If an exception is granted, the utility shall establish a proportional cost plan for the specific extension or a rebate plan which may be limited to seven years to return the portion of the applicant's costs for oversizing as new customers are added to ensure that future applicants for service on the line pay at least as much as the initial service applicant.

SECTION 3.0 – EXTENSION POLICY (Continued)

For purposes of determining the costs that service applicants shall pay, commercial customers with service demands greater than residential customer demands in the certified area, industrial, and wholesale customers shall be treated as developers.

If an applicant requires service other than the standard service provided by the utility, such applicant will be required to pay all expenses incurred by the utility in excess of the expenses that would be incurred in providing the standard service and connection beyond 200 feet and throughout his property including the cost of all necessary transmission facilities.

The utility will bear the full cost of any over-sizing of sewer mains necessary to serve other customers in the immediate area. The individual residential customer shall not be charged for any additional treatment facilities. Contributions in aid of construction of individual residential customers for production, storage, treatment or transmission facilities unless otherwise approved by the Commission under this specific extension policy.

Section 3.03 – Contribution in Aid of Construction

Developers may be required to provide contributions in aid of construction in amounts sufficient to furnish the development with all facilities necessary to provide for reasonable local demand requirements and to comply with TCEQ minimum design criteria for facilities used in the production, collection, transmission, pumping, or treatment of sewage or TCEQ minimum requirements. For purposes of this subsection, a developer is one who subdivides or requests more than two meters on a piece of property. Commercial, industrial, and wholesale customers will be treated as developers.

Any applicant who places unique or non-standard service demands on the system may be required to provide contributions in aid of construction for the actual costs of any additional facilities required to maintain compliance with the TCEQ minimum design criteria for water production, treatment, pumping, storage and transmission.

Any service extension to a subdivision (recorded or unrecorded) may be subject to the provisions and restrictions of 16 TAC § 24.163(d). When a developer wishes to extend the system to prepare to service multiple new connections, the charge will be the cost of such extension, plus a pro-rata charge for facilities which must be committed to such extension compliant with the TCEQ minimum design criteria.

As provided by 16 TAC § 24.161(e)(3), for purposes of this section, commercial, industrial, and wholesale customers shall be treated as developers.

A utility may only charge a developer standby fees for unrecovered costs of facilities committed to a developer's property under the following circumstances:

- under a contract and only in accordance with the terms of the contract; or
- if service is not being provided to a lot or lots within two years after installation of facilities necessary to provide service to the lots has been completed and if the standby fees are included on the utilities approved tariff after a rate change application has been filed. The fees cannot be billed to the developer or collected until the standby fees have been approved by the commission or executive director.

### SECTION 3.0 – EXTENSION POLICY (Continued)

- For purposes of this section, a manufactured housing rental community can only be charged by standby fees under a contract or if the utility installs the facilities necessary to provide individually metered service to each of the rental lots or spaces in the community.

#### Section 3.04 – Appealing Connection Costs

The imposition of additional extension costs or charges as provided by Sections 3.0 – Extension Policy of this tariff shall be subject to appeal as provided in this tariff, commission rules, or the rules of such other regulatory authority as may have jurisdiction over the utility's rates and services. Any applicant required to pay for costs not specifically set forth in the rate schedule pages of this tariff shall be given a written explanation of such costs prior to payment and/or commencement of construction. If the applicant does not believe that these costs are reasonable or necessary, the applicant shall be informed of the right to appeal such costs to the commission or such other regulatory authority having jurisdiction over the utility's rates in that portion of the utility's service area in which the applicant's property (ies) is (are) located.

#### Section 3.05 – Applying for Service

The utility will provide a written service application form to the applicant for each request for service received by the utility's business offices. A separate application shall be required for each potential service location if more than one service connection is desired by any individual applicant. Service application forms will be available at the utility's business office during normal weekday business hours. Service applications will be sent by prepaid first class United States mail to the address provided by the applicant upon request. Completed applications should be returned by hand delivery in case there are questions which might delay fulfilling the service request. Completed service applications may be submitted by mail if hand delivery is not possible.

Where a new tap or service connection is required, the service applicant shall be required to submit a written service application and request that a tap be made. A diagram, map, plat, or written metes and bounds description of precisely where the applicant desires each tap or service connection is to be made and, if necessary, where the meter is to be installed, along the applicant's property line may also be required with the tap request. The actual point of connection and meter installation must be readily accessible to utility personnel for inspection, servicing, and meter reading while being reasonably secure from damage by vehicles and mowers. If the utility has more than one main adjacent to the service applicant's property, the tap or service connection will be made to the utility's nearest service main with adequate capacity to service the applicant's full potential service demand.

Beyond the initial 200 feet, the customer shall bear only the equivalent cost of extending from the nearest main. If the tap or service connection cannot be made at the applicant's desired location, it will be made at another location mutually acceptable to the applicant and the utility. If no agreement on location can be made, the applicant may refer the matter to the commission for resolution.

SECTION 3.0 – EXTENSION POLICY (Continued)

Section 3.06 – Qualified Service Applicant

A “qualified service applicant” is an applicant who has”: (1) met all of the utility’s requirements for service contained in this tariff, commission rules and/or order, (2) has made payment or made arrangement for payment of tap fees, (3) has provided all easements and rights-of-way required to provide service to the requested location, (4) delivered an executed customer service inspection certificate to the Utility, if applicable, and (5) has executed a customer service application for each location to which service is being requested.

The utility shall serve each qualified service applicant within its certified service area as soon as practical after receiving a completed service application. All service requests will be fulfilled within the time limits prescribed by commission rules once the applicant has met all conditions precedent to achieving “qualified service applicant” status. If a service request cannot be fulfilled within the required period, the applicant shall be notified in writing of the delay, its cause and the anticipated date that service will be available. The commission service dates shall not become applicable until the service applicant has met all conditions precedent to becoming a qualified service applicant as defined by commission rules.

Section 3.07 – Developer Requirements

As a condition of service to a new subdivision, the utility shall require a developer (as defined by PUC rule) to provide permanent recorded public utility easements as a condition of service to any location within the developer’s property.

APPENDIX A -- SAMPLE SERVICE AGREEMENT  
From TCEQ Rules, 30 TAC Chapter 290.47(b), Appendix B  
SERVICE AGREEMENT

- I. PURPOSE. The NAME OF SEWER SYSTEM is responsible for protecting the drinking water supply from contamination or pollution which could result from improper private water distribution system construction or configuration. The purpose of this service agreement is to notify each customer of the restrictions which are in place to provide this protection. The utility enforces these restrictions to ensure the public health and welfare. Each customer must sign this agreement before the NAME OF SEWER SYSTEM will begin service. In addition, when service to an existing connection has been suspended or terminated, the sewer system will not re-establish service unless it has a signed copy of this agreement.
- II. RESTRICTIONS. The following unacceptable practices are prohibited by State regulations.
- A. No direct connection between the public drinking water supply and a potential source of contamination is permitted. Potential sources of contamination shall be isolated from the public water system by an air-gap or an appropriate backflow prevention device.
  - B. No cross-connection between the public drinking water supply and a private water system is permitted. These potential threats to the public drinking water supply shall be eliminated at the service connection by the installation of an air-gap or a reduced pressure-zone backflow prevention device.
  - C. No connection which allows water to be returned to the public drinking water supply is permitted.
  - D. No pipe or pipe fitting which contains more than 8.0% lead may be used for the installation or repair of plumbing at any connection which provides water for human use.
  - E. No solder or flux which contains more than 0.2% lead can be used for the installation or repair of plumbing at any connection which provides water for human use.
- III. SERVICE AGREEMENT. The following are the terms of the service agreement between the NAME OF SEWER SYSTEM (the Sewer System) and NAME OF CUSTOMER (the Customer).
- A. The Sewer System will maintain a copy of this agreement as long as the Customer and/or the premises are connected to the Sewer System.
  - B. The Customer shall allow his property to be inspected for possible cross-connections and other potential contamination hazards. These inspections shall be conducted by the Sewer System or its designated agent prior to initiating new water service; when there is reason to believe that cross-connections or other potential contamination hazards exist; or after any major changes to the private water distribution facilities. The inspections shall be conducted during the Sewer System's normal business hours.
  - C. The Sewer System shall notify the Customer in writing of any cross-connection or other potential contamination hazard which has been identified during the initial inspection or the periodic re-inspection.
  - D. The Customer shall immediately remove or adequately isolate any potential cross-connections or other potential contamination hazards on his premises.
  - E. The Customer shall, at his expense, properly install, test, and maintain any blackflow prevention device required by the Sewer System. Copies of all testing and maintenance records shall be provided to the Sewer System.
- IV. ENFORCEMENT. If the Customer fails to comply with the terms of the Service Agreement, the Sewer System shall, at its option, either terminate service or properly install, test, and maintain an appropriate backflow prevention device at the service connection. Any expenses associated with the enforcement of this agreement shall be billed to the Customer.

CUSTOMER'S SIGNATURE: \_\_\_\_\_

DATE: \_\_\_\_\_

**APPENDIX B: APPLICATION FOR SERVICE**  
**(Utility Must Attach Blank Copy)**



# **Public Utility Commission of Texas**

**By These Presents Be It Known To All That**

## **Undine Texas Environmental, LLC**

having obtained certification to provide sewer utility service for the convenience and necessity of the public, and it having been determined by this Commission that the public convenience and necessity would in fact be advanced by the provision of such service, Undine Texas Environmental, LLC is entitled to this

### **Certificate of Convenience and Necessity No. 20816**

to provide continuous and adequate sewer utility service to that service area or those service areas in Brazoria, Chambers, Harris, Parker, Tarrant, & Walker Counties as by final Order or Orders duly entered by this Commission, which Order or Orders resulting from Docket No. 49382 are on file at the Commission offices in Austin, Texas; and are matters of official record available for public inspection; and be it known further that these presents do evidence the authority and the duty of the Undine Texas Environmental, LLC to provide such utility service in accordance with the laws of this State and Rules of this Commission, subject only to any power and responsibility of this Commission to revoke or amend this Certificate in whole or in part upon a subsequent showing that the public convenience and necessity would be better served thereby.

Issued at Austin, Texas, this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_ 20\_\_\_\_\_.





**SEWER UTILITY TARIFF  
Docket No. 49382**

Undine Texas Environmental, LLC  
(Utility Name)

17681 Telge Road  
(Business Address)

Cypress, TX 77429  
(City, State, Zip Code)

(713) 574-5953  
(Area Code/Telephone)

This tariff is effective for utility operations under the following Certificates of Convenience and Necessity:

20816, 20832, 21019, 21026, 21106

This tariff is effective in the following counties:

Brazoria, Chambers, Galveston, Harris, Johnson, Parker, Tarrant, & Walker

This tariff is effective in the following cities or unincorporated towns (if any):

Beach City (Bayridge Subdivision), Iowa Colony (Spring Crossing and 288 Business Park), Town of Dennis (Sugartree)

**THE RATES SET OR APPROVED BY THE CITY FOR THE SYSTEMS ENTIRELY WITHIN ITS CORPORATE BOUNDARY ARE NOT PRESENTED IN THIS TARIFF. THOSE RATES ARE NOT UNDER THE ORIGINAL JURISDICTION OF THE PUBLIC UTILITY COMMISSION OF TEXAS AND WILL HAVE TO BE OBTAINED FROM THE CITY OR UTILITY**

This tariff is effective in the following subdivisions and public sewer systems:

See attached list

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APPENDIX A – SAMPLE SERVICE AGREEMENT

LIST OF SUBDIVISIONS AND SYSTEMS

System Name	WQ Number	County
Cold River Ranch	WQ 0012780-001	Brazoria
Southwood Estates	WQ 0012780-001	Brazoria
Spring Crossing/288 Business Park*	WQ 0012780-001	Brazoria
Mayfair	WQ 0013518-001	Tarrant
Mayfair South	WQ 0013518-001	Tarrant
Mayfair West	WQ 0013518-001	Tarrant
Sugartree**	WQ 0014163-001	Parker
Country Vista WWTP	WQ 0013769-001	Johnson
Grand Ranch	WQ 0013846-001	Johnson
Laguna WWTP	WQ 0014452-001	Galveston
Crystal Palace WWTP	WQ 0012936-001	Galveston
Angle Acres WWTP	WQ 0012420-001	Brazoria
Beechwood WWTP	WQ 0012113-001	Brazoria

\* Spring Crossing/288 Business Park subject to City of Iowa Park’s jurisdiction

\*\*Sugartree subject to the Town of Dennis’s jurisdiction

Formerly Nerro Supply, LLC		
*Bayridge Subdivision	WQ 0013643-001	Chambers
Greens Bayou Fabrication Yard	WQ 0003792-000	Harris
*Oaks at Houston Point	WQ 0013643-001	Chambers
*Sunflower Subdivision	WQ 0013643-001	Chambers
Wildwood Shores	WQ 0014154-001	Walker

\* Entirely within the City of Beach City

SECTION 1.0 - RATE SCHEDULE

Section 1.01—Interim Rates (Pending approval in Docket No. 50200)

<u>Rate Year 1</u>	<u>Effective Date: August 1, 2020</u>
<u>Meter Size:</u>	<u>Monthly Minimum Charge</u>
All Meters	<u>\$75.00 Flat Rate</u>

<u>Rate Year 2</u>	<u>Effective Date: August 1, 2021</u>
<u>Meter Size:</u>	<u>Monthly Minimum Charge</u>
All Meters	<u>\$92.50 Flat Rate</u>

<u>Rate Year 3</u>	<u>Effective Date: August 1, 2022</u>
<u>Meter Size:</u>	<u>Monthly Minimum Charge</u>
All Meters	<u>\$110.00 Flat Rate</u>

Volume charges are determined based on average consumption for winter period which includes the following months: N.A.

RATE CASE EXPENSES .....\$1.12 per month  
Effective Date: August 1, 2020. The rate case expense surcharge will be collected for 36 months or until the full \$85,289.03 of rate case expenses related to Docket No. 50200 is collected, whichever occurs first.

FORM OF PAYMENT: The utility will accept the following forms of payment:  
Cash X , Check X , Money Order X , Credit Card X , Other (specify Online Payment or Automatic Bank Draft)

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.

UNAFFILIATED THIRD PARTIES WHO ACCEPT AND PROCESS CREDIT CARD AND ELECTRONIC PAYMENTS FOR UTILITY BILLS MAY REQUIRE PAYMENT OF AN ADDITIONAL CONVENIENCE CHARGE FOR THIS SERVICE

REGULATORY ASSESSMENT .....1.0%  
PUBLIC UTILITY COMMISSION (COMMISSION) RULES REQUIRE THE UTILITY TO COLLECT AND REMIT TO THE TEXAS COMMISSION ON ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY A FEE OF ONE PERCENT OF THE RETAIL MONTHLY BILL.

Section 1.02 - Miscellaneous Fees

TAP FEE .....\$865.00  
TAP FEE COVERS THE UTILITY'S COSTS FOR MATERIALS AND LABOR TO INSTALL A STANDARD RESIDENTIAL CONNECTION. AN ADDITIONAL FEE TO COVER UNIQUE COSTS IS PERMITTED IF LISTED ON THIS TARIFF, INCLUDING COSTS RELATED TO ROAD BORES, ROCK CUTS, AND UNUSUALLY LONG TAPS.

SECTION 1.0 – RATE SCHEDULE (Continued)

TAP FEE (Large Connection Tap)..... Actual Cost

TAP FEE IS THE UTILITY’S ACTUAL COST FOR MATERIALS AND LABOR FOR METER SIZE INSTALLED.

RECONNECTION FEE

THE RECONNECT FEE MUST BE PAID BEFORE SERVICE CAN BE RESTORED TO A CUSTOMER WHO HAS BEEN DISCONNECTED FOR THE FOLLOWING REASONS (OR OTHER REASONS LISTED UNDER SECTION 2.0 OF THIS TARIFF)

- a) Nonpayment of bill (Maximum \$25.00)..... \$25.00
- b) Customer’s request that service be disconnected ..... \$50.00
- c) After hours reconnection ..... \$50.00

TRANSFER FEE ..... \$65.00

THE TRANSFER FEE WILL BE CHARGED FOR CHANGING AN ACCOUNT NAME AT THE SAME SERVICE LOCATION WHEN THE SERVICE IS NOT DISCONNECTED

LATE CHARGE (HIGHER OF \$5.00 OR 10% OF THE BILL) ..... \$5.00 or 10 %

COMMISSION RULES ALLOW A ONE-TIME PENALTY TO BE CHARGED ON DELINQUENT BILLS A LATE CHARGE MAY NOT BE APPLIED TO ANY BALANCE TO WHICH THE PENALTY WAS APPLIED IN A PREVIOUS BILLING.

RETURNED CHECK CHARGE ..... \$30.00

RETURNED CHECK CHARGES MUST BE BASED ON THE UTILITY’S DOCUMENTABLE COST

CUSTOMER DEPOSIT RESIDENTIAL (Maximum \$50)..... \$50.00

COMMERCIAL & NON-RESIDENTIAL DEPOSIT ..... 1/6TH OF ESTIMATED ANNUAL BILL

GOVERNMENTAL TESTING, INSPECTION AND COSTS SURCHARGE:

WHEN AUTHORIZED IN WRITING BY THE COMMISSION AND AFTER NOTICE TO CUSTOMERS, THE UTILITY MAY INCREASE RATES TO RECOVER INCREASED COSTS FOR INSPECTION FEES AND WATER TESTING [16 TAC § 24.25(b)(2)(G)]

LINE EXTENSION AND CONSTRUCTION CHARGES:

REFER TO SECTION 3 0--EXTENSION POLICY FOR TERMS, CONDITIONS, AND CHARGES WHEN NEW CONSTRUCTION IS NECESSARY TO PROVIDE SERVICE

SECTION 1.0 - RATE SCHEDULE

<u>Meter Size</u>	<u>Monthly Minimum Charge</u>	<u>Gallonage Charge</u>
All Connections	<u>\$2,012</u> (Includes 0 gallons)	<u>\$0.00</u> per 1,000 gallons Same for all meter sizes

FORM OF PAYMENT: The utility will accept the following forms 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.

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TAP FEE (Large Connection Tap) ..... Actual Cost  
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- b) Customer's request that service be disconnected ..... \$50.00

TRANSFER FEE ..... \$50.00  
THE TRANSFER FEE WILL BE CHARGED FOR CHANGING AN ACCOUNT NAME AT THE SAME SERVICE LOCATION WHEN THE SERVICE IS NOT DISCONNECTED

SECTION 1.0 - RATE SCHEDULE (Continued)

LATE CHARGE (EITHER \$5.00 OR 10% OF THE BILL) ..... 10%  
COMMISSION RULES ALLOW A ONE-TIME PENALTY TO BE CHARGED ON DELINQUENT BILLS. A LATE CHARGE MAY NOT BE APPLIED TO ANY BALANCE TO WHICH THE PENALTY WAS APPLIED IN A PREVIOUS BILLING.

RETURNED CHECK CHARGE ..... \$50.00  
RETURNED CHECK CHARGES MUST BE BASED ON THE UTILITY'S DOCUMENTABLE COST.

CUSTOMER DEPOSIT RESIDENTIAL (Maximum \$50) ..... \$50.00

COMMERCIAL & NON-RESIDENTIAL DEPOSIT ..... 1/6TH OF ESTIMATED ANNUAL BILL

GOVERNMENTAL TESTING, INSPECTION AND COSTS SURCHARGE:  
WHEN AUTHORIZED IN WRITING BY THE COMMISSION AND AFTER NOTICE TO CUSTOMERS, THE UTILITY MAY INCREASE RATES TO RECOVER INCREASED COSTS FOR INSPECTION FEES AND WATER TESTING [16 TAC § 24 25(b)(2)(G)]

LINE EXTENSION AND CONSTRUCTION CHARGES:  
REFER TO SECTION 3.0--EXTENSION POLICY FOR TERMS, CONDITIONS, AND CHARGES WHEN NEW CONSTRUCTION IS NECESSARY TO PROVIDE SERVICE

SECTION 1.0 - RATE SCHEDULE

<u>Meter Size</u>	<u>Monthly Minimum Charge</u>	<u>Gallonge Charge</u>
5/8" or 3/4"	<u>\$25.00</u> (Includes 10,000 gallons)	<u>\$2.00</u> per 1,000 gallons
1"	<u>\$25.00</u>	Same for all meter sizes

FORM OF PAYMENT: The utility will accept the following forms 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%  
PUBLIC UTILITY COMMISSION (COMMISSION) RULES REQUIRE THE UTILITY TO COLLECT AND REMIT TO THE TEXAS COMMISSION ON ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY A FEE OF ONE PERCENT OF THE RETAIL MONTHLY BILL

Section 1.02 - Miscellaneous Fees

TAP FEE ..... \$750.00  
TAP FEE COVERS THE UTILITY'S COSTS FOR MATERIALS AND LABOR TO INSTALL A STANDARD RESIDENTIAL CONNECTION. AN ADDITIONAL FEE TO COVER UNIQUE COSTS IS PERMITTED IF LISTED ON THIS TARIFF, INCLUDING COSTS RELATED TO ROAD BORES, ROCK CUTS, AND UNUSUALLY LONG TAPS.

TAP FEE (Large Connection Tap) ..... Actual Cost  
TAP FEE IS THE UTILITY'S ACTUAL COST FOR MATERIALS AND LABOR FOR METER SIZE INSTALLED.

RECONNECTION FEE  
THE RECONNECT FEE MUST BE PAID BEFORE SERVICE CAN BE RESTORED TO A CUSTOMER WHO HAS BEEN DISCONNECTED FOR THE FOLLOWING REASONS (OR OTHER REASONS LISTED UNDER SECTION 2.0 OF THIS TARIFF):

- a) Non payment of bill (Maximum \$25.00) ..... \$25.00
- b) Customer's request that service be disconnected ..... \$10.00

TRANSFER FEE ..... \$10.00  
THE TRANSFER FEE WILL BE CHARGED FOR CHANGING AN ACCOUNT NAME AT THE SAME SERVICE LOCATION WHEN THE SERVICE IS NOT DISCONNECTED.

SECTION 1.0 -- RATE SCHEDULE (Continued)

LATE CHARGE (EITHER \$5.00 OR 10% OF THE BILL) ..... \$5.00  
COMMISSION RULES ALLOW A ONE-TIME PENALTY TO BE CHARGED ON DELINQUENT BILLS. A LATE CHARGE MAY NOT BE APPLIED TO ANY BALANCE TO WHICH THE PENALTY WAS APPLIED IN A PREVIOUS BILLING

RETURNED CHECK CHARGE ..... \$25.00  
RETURNED CHECK CHARGES MUST BE BASED ON THE UTILITY'S DOCUMENTABLE COST

CUSTOMER DEPOSIT RESIDENTIAL (Maximum \$50) ..... \$25.00

COMMERCIAL & NON-RESIDENTIAL DEPOSIT . 1/6TH OF ESTIMATED ANNUAL BILL

GOVERNMENTAL TESTING, INSPECTION AND COSTS SURCHARGE:

WHEN AUTHORIZED IN WRITING BY THE COMMISSION AND AFTER NOTICE TO CUSTOMERS, THE UTILITY MAY INCREASE RATES TO RECOVER INCREASED COSTS FOR INSPECTION FEES AND WATER TESTING. [16 TAC § 24.25(b)(2)(G)]

LINE EXTENSION AND CONSTRUCTION CHARGES:

REFER TO SECTION 3 0--EXTENSION POLICY FOR TERMS, CONDITIONS, AND CHARGES WHEN NEW CONSTRUCTION IS NECESSARY TO PROVIDE SERVICE.



## SECTION 2.0 – SERVICE RULES AND POLICIES

The utility will have the most current Public Utility Commission of Texas (Commission or PUC) Rules relating to sewer utilities available at its office for reference purposes. The Rules and this tariff shall be available for public inspection and reproduction at a reasonable cost. The latest Rules or Commission approved changes to the Rules supersede any rules or requirements in this tariff.

### Section 2.01 - Application for Sewer Service

All applications for service will be made on the utility's standard application or contract form (attached in the Appendix to this tariff), will be signed by the applicant, any required fees (deposits, reconnect, tap, extension fees, etc. as applicable) will be paid and easements, if required, will be granted before service is provided by the utility. A separate application or contract will be made for each service location.

### Section 2.02 - Refusal of Service

The utility may decline to serve an applicant until the applicant has complied with the regulations of the regulatory agencies (state and municipal regulations) and for the reasons outlined in the Commission rules. In the event that the utility refuses to serve an applicant, the utility will inform the applicant in writing of the basis of its refusal. The utility is also required to inform the applicant that a complaint may be filed with the Commission.

### Section 2.03 - Fees and Charges & Easements Required Before Service Can Be Connected

#### (A) Customer Deposits

If a residential applicant cannot establish credit to the satisfaction of the utility, the applicant may be required to pay a deposit as provided for in Section 1.02 - Miscellaneous Fees of this tariff. The utility will keep records of the deposit and credit interest in accordance with the Commission rules.

Residential applicants 65 years of age or older may not be required to pay deposits unless the applicant has an outstanding account balance with the utility or another water or sewer utility which accrued within the last two years.

Nonresidential applicants who cannot establish credit to the satisfaction of the utility may be required to make a deposit that does not exceed an amount equivalent to one-sixth of the estimated annual billings.

Refund of deposit - If service is not connected, or after disconnection of service, the utility will promptly refund the customer's deposit plus accrued interest on the balance, if any, in excess of the unpaid bills for service furnished. The utility may refund the residential customer's deposit at any time prior to termination of utility service but must refund the deposit plus interest for any residential customer who has paid 18 consecutive billings without being delinquent.

SECTION 2.0 – SERVICE RULES AND POLICIES (Continued)

(B) Tap or Reconnect Fees

A new customer requesting service at a location where service has not previously been provided must pay a tap fee as provided in Section 1. A customer requesting service where service has previously been provided must pay a reconnect fee as provided in Section 1. Any applicant or existing customer required to pay for any costs not specifically set forth in the rate schedule pages of this tariff shall be given a written explanation of such costs prior to request for payment and/or commencement of construction. If the applicant or existing customer does not believe that these costs are reasonable or necessary, the applicant or existing customer shall be informed of their right to appeal such costs to the Commission or such other regulatory authority having jurisdiction over the utility's rates in that portion of the utility's service area in which the applicant's or existing customer's property(ies) is located.

Fees in addition to the regular tap fee may be charged to cover unique costs not normally incurred as permitted by 16 TAC § 24.163(b)(1)(C) if they are listed on this approved tariff. For example, a road bore for customers outside a subdivision or residential area could be considered a unique cost.

(C) Easement Requirement

Where recorded public utility easements on the service applicant's property do not exist or public road right-of-way easements are not available to access the applicant's property, the utility may require the applicant to provide it with a permanent recorded public utility easement on and across the applicant's real property sufficient to provide service to that applicant. Such easement(s) shall not be used for the construction of production, storage, transmission or pressure facilities unless they are needed for adequate service to that applicant.

Section 2.04 - Utility Response to Applications for Service

After the applicant has met all the requirements, conditions and regulations for service, the utility will install tap and utility cut-off and/or take all necessary actions to initiate service. The utility will serve each qualified applicant for service within five (5) working days unless line extensions or new facilities are required. If construction is required to fill the order and if it cannot be completed within 30 days, the utility will provide the applicant with a written explanation of the construction required and an expected date of service.

Except for good cause where service has previously been provided, service will be reconnected within one working day after the applicant has met the requirements for reconnection.

Section 2.05 - Customer Responsibility

The customer will be responsible for furnishing and laying the necessary customer service pipe from the tap location to the place of consumption. Customers will not be allowed to use the utility's cutoff.

SECTION 2.0 – SERVICE RULES AND POLICIES (Continued)

Section 2.06 - Access to Customer's Premises

All customers or service applicants shall provide access to utility cutoffs at all times reasonably necessary to conduct ordinary utility business and after normal business hours as needed to protect and preserve the integrity of the public drinking water supply.

Section 2.07 - Back Flow Prevention Devices

No water connection shall be made to any establishment where an actual or potential contamination or system hazard exists without an approved air gap or mechanical backflow prevention assembly. The air gap or backflow prevention assembly shall be installed in accordance with the American Water Works Association (AWWA) standards C510, C511 and AWWA Manual M14 or the University Of Southern California Manual Of Cross-Connection Control, current edition. The backflow assembly installation by a licensed plumber shall occur at the customer's expense.

The back flow assembly shall be tested upon installation by a recognized prevention assembly tester and certified to be operating within specifications. Back flow prevention assemblies which are installed to provide protection against high health hazards must be tested and certified to be operating within specifications at least annually by a recognized back flow prevention device tester. The maintenance and testing of the back flow assembly shall occur at the customer's expense.

Section 2.10 - Billing

(A) Regular Billing

Bills from the utility will be mailed monthly unless otherwise authorized by the Commission. The due date of bills for utility service will be at least sixteen (16) days from the date of issuance. The postmark on the bill or, if there is no postmark on the bill, the recorded date of mailing by the utility will constitute proof of the date of issuance. Payment for utility service is delinquent if full payment, including late fees and the regulatory assessment, is not received at the utility or the utility's authorized payment agency by 5:00 p.m. on the due date. If the due date falls on a holiday or weekend, the due date for payment purposes will be the next workday after the due date.

(B) Late Fees

A late penalty of either \$5.00 or 10% will be charged on bills received after the due date. The penalty on delinquent bills will not be applied to any balance to which the penalty was applied in a previous billing. The utility must maintain a record of the date of mailing to charge the late penalty.

(C) Information on Bill

Each bill will provide all information required by the Commission rules. For each of the systems it operates, the utility will maintain and note on the monthly bill a local or toll-free telephone number (or numbers) to which customers can direct questions about their utility service.

SECTION 2.0 – SERVICE RULES AND POLICIES (Continued)

(D) Prorated Bills

If service is interrupted or seriously impaired for 24 consecutive hours or more, the utility will prorate the monthly base bill in proportion to the time service was not available to reflect this loss of service.

Section 2.11- Payments

All payments for utility service shall be delivered or mailed to the utility's business office. If the business office fails to receive payment prior to the time of noticed disconnection for nonpayment of a delinquent account, service will be terminated as scheduled. Utility service crews shall not be allowed to collect payments on customer accounts in the field.

Payment of an account by any means that has been dishonored and returned by the payor or payee's bank shall be deemed to be delinquent. All returned payments must be redeemed with cash or valid money order. If a customer has two returned payments within a twelve month period, the customer shall be required to pay a deposit if one has not already been paid.

Section 2.12 - Service Disconnection

(A) With Notice

Utility service may be disconnected if the bill has not been paid in full by the date listed on the termination notice. The termination date must be at least 10 days after the notice is mailed or hand delivered.

The utility is encouraged to offer a deferred payment plan to a customer who cannot pay an outstanding bill in full and is willing to pay the balance in reasonable installments. However, a customer's utility service may be disconnected if a bill has not been paid or a deferred payment agreement entered into within 26 days from the date of issuance of a bill and if proper notice of termination has been given.

Notice of termination must be a separate mailing or hand delivery in accordance with the Commission rules.

(B) Without Notice

Utility service may also be disconnected without notice for reasons as described in the Commission rules.

Section 2.13 - Reconnection of Service

Utility personnel must be available during normal business hours to accept payments on the day service is disconnected and the following day unless service was disconnected at the customer's request or due to a hazardous condition.

SECTION 2.0 – SERVICE RULES AND POLICIES (Continued)

Service will be reconnected within 24 hours after the past due bill, reconnect fees and any other outstanding charges are paid or the conditions which caused service to be disconnected are corrected.

Section 2.14 - Service Interruptions

The utility will make all reasonable efforts to prevent interruptions of service. If interruptions occur, the utility will re-establish service within the shortest possible time. Except for momentary interruptions due to automatic equipment operations, the utility will keep a complete record of all interruptions, both emergency and scheduled and will notify the Commission in writing of any service interruptions affecting the entire system or any major division of the system lasting more than four hours. The notice will explain the cause of the interruptions.

Section 2.15 - Quality of Service

The utility will plan, furnish, and maintain and operate production, treatment, storage, transmission, and collection facilities of sufficient size and capacity to provide continuous and adequate service for all reasonable consumer uses and to treat sewage and discharge effluent of the quality required by its discharge permit issued by the TCEQ. Unless otherwise authorized by the TCEQ, the utility will maintain facilities as described in the TCEQ's rules.

Section 2.16 - Customer Complaints and Disputes

If a customer or applicant for service lodges a complaint, the utility will promptly make a suitable investigation and advise the complainant of the results. Service will not be disconnected pending completion of the investigation. If the complainant is dissatisfied with the utility's response, the utility must advise the complainant that he has recourse through the Commission's complaint process. Pending resolution of a complaint, the Commission may require continuation or restoration of service.

The utility will maintain a record of all complaints which shows the name and address of the complainant, the date and nature of the complaint and the adjustment or disposition thereof, for a period of two years after the final settlement of the complaint.

In the event of a dispute between a customer and a utility regarding any bill for utility service, the utility will conduct an investigation and report the results to the customer. If the dispute is not resolved, the utility will inform the customer that a complaint may be filed with the Commission.

Section 2.17 - Customer Liability

Customer shall be liable for any damage or injury to utility-owned property shown to be caused by the customer.

SECTION 3.0 – EXTENSION POLICY

Section 3.01 - Standard Extension Requirements

Line Extension and Construction Charges: No Contribution in Aid of Construction may be required of any customer except as provided for in this approved extension policy.

The utility is not required to extend service to any applicant outside of its certified service area and will only do so under terms and conditions mutually agreeable to the utility and the applicant, in compliance with Commission rules and policies, and upon extension of the utility's certified service area boundaries by the Commission.

The applicant for service will be given an itemized statement of the costs, options such as rebates to the customer, sharing of construction costs between the utility and the customer, or sharing of costs between the customer and other applicants prior to beginning construction.

The utility is not required to extend service to any applicant outside of its certificated service area and will only do so under terms and conditions mutually agreeable to the utility and the applicant, in compliance with Commission rules and policies, and upon extension of the utility's certificated service area boundaries by the Commission.

Section 3.02 - Costs Utilities and Service Applicants Shall Bear

Within its certified area, the utility will pay the cost of the first 200 feet of any water main or distribution line necessary to extend service to an individual residential customer within a platted subdivision.

However, if the residential customer requesting service purchased the property after the developer was notified in writing of the need to provide facilities to the utility, the utility may charge for the first 200 feet. The utility must also be able to document that the developer of the subdivision refused to provide facilities compatible with the utility's facilities in accordance with the utility's approved extension policy after receiving a written request from the utility.

Residential customers will be charged the equivalent of the costs of extending service to their property from the nearest collection line even if that line does not have adequate capacity to serve the customer. However, if the customer places unique, non-standard service demands upon the system, the customer may be charged the additional cost of extending service to and throughout their property, including the cost of all necessary transmission and storage facilities necessary to meet the service demands anticipated to be created by that property.

Unless an exception is granted by the PUC, the residential service applicant shall not be required to pay for costs of main extensions greater than 6" in diameter for gravity wastewater lines.

SECTION 3.0 – EXTENSION POLICY (Continued)

Exceptions may be granted by the PUC if

- adequate service cannot be provided to the applicant using the maximum line sizes listed due to distance or elevation, in which case, it shall be the utility's burden to justify that a larger diameter pipe is required for adequate service;
- or larger minimum line sizes are required under subdivision platting requirements or building codes of municipalities within whose corporate limits or extraterritorial jurisdiction the point of use is located; or the residential service applicant is located outside the CCN service area.

If an exception is granted, the utility shall establish a proportional cost plan for the specific extension or a rebate plan which may be limited to seven years to return the portion of the applicant's costs for oversizing as new customers are added to ensure that future applicants for service on the line pay at least as much as the initial service applicant.

For purposes of determining the costs that service applicants shall pay, commercial customers with service demands greater than residential customer demands in the certified area, industrial, and wholesale customers shall be treated as developers.

If an applicant requires service other than the standard service provided by the utility, such applicant will be required to pay all expenses incurred by the utility in excess of the expenses that would be incurred in providing the standard service and connection beyond 200 feet and throughout his property including the cost of all necessary transmission facilities.

The utility will bear the full cost of any over-sizing of sewer mains necessary to serve other customers in the immediate area. The individual residential customer shall not be charged for any additional treatment facilities. Contributions in aid of construction of individual residential customers for production, storage, treatment or transmission facilities unless otherwise approved by the Commission under this specific extension policy.

Section 3.03 - Contributions in Aid of Construction

Developers may be required to provide contributions in aid of construction in amounts sufficient to furnish the development with all facilities necessary to provide for reasonable local demand requirements and to comply with Texas Commission on Environmental Quality (TCEQ) minimum design criteria for facilities used in the production, collection, transmission, pumping, or treatment of sewage or TCEQ minimum requirements. For purposes of this subsection, a developer is one who subdivides or requests more than two meters on a piece of property. Commercial, industrial, and wholesale customers will be treated as developers.

Any applicant who places unique or non-standard service demands on the system may be required to provide contributions in aid of construction for the actual costs of any additional facilities required to maintain compliance with the TCEQ minimum design criteria for water production, treatment, pumping, storage and transmission.

SECTION 3.0 – EXTENSION POLICY (Continued)

Any service extension to a subdivision (recorded or unrecorded) may be subject to the provisions and restrictions of 16 TAC § 24.163(d). When a developer wishes to extend the system to prepare to service multiple new connections, the charge shall be the cost of such extension, plus a pro-rata charge for facilities which must be committed to such extension compliant with the TCEQ minimum design criteria. As provided by 16 TAC § 24.163(d)(4), for purposes of this section, commercial, industrial, and wholesale customers shall be treated as developers.

A utility may only charge a developer standby fees for unrecovered costs of facilities committed to a developer's property under the following circumstances:

- Under a contract and only in accordance with the terms of the contract; or
- if service is not being provided to a lot or lots within two years after installation of facilities necessary to provide service to the lots has been completed and if the standby fees are included on the utilities approved tariff after a rate change application has been filed. The fees cannot be billed to the developer or collected until the standby fees have been approved by the Commission or executive director.
- For purposes of this section, a manufactured housing rental community can only be charged standby fees under a contract or if the utility installs the facilities necessary to provide individually metered service to each of the rental lots or spaces in the community.

Section 3.04 - Appealing Connection Costs

The imposition of additional extension costs or charges as provided by Sections 3.0 - Extension Policy of this tariff shall be subject to appeal as provided in this tariff, Commission rules, or the rules of such other regulatory authority as may have jurisdiction over the utility's rates and services. Any applicant required to pay for any costs not specifically set forth in the rate schedule pages of this tariff shall be given a written explanation of such costs prior to payment and/or commencement of construction. If the applicant does not believe that these costs are reasonable or necessary, the applicant shall be informed of the right to appeal such costs to the Commission or such other regulatory authority having jurisdiction over the utility's rates in that portion of the utility's service area in which the applicant's property(ies) is located.

Section 3.05 - Applying for Service

The utility will provide a written service application form to the applicant for each request for service received by the utility's business offices. A separate application shall be required for each potential service location if more than one service connection is desired by any individual applicant. Service application forms will be available at the utility's business office during normal weekday business hours. Service applications will be sent by prepaid first class United States mail to the address provided by the applicant upon request. Completed applications should be returned by hand delivery in case there are questions which might delay fulfilling the service request. Completed service applications may be submitted by mail if hand delivery is not possible.



SECTION 3.0 – EXTENSION POLICY (Continued)

Where a new tap or service connection is required, the service applicant shall be required to submit a written service application and request that a tap be made. A diagram, map, plat, or written metes and bounds description of precisely where the applicant desires each tap or service connection is to be made and, if necessary, where the meter is to be installed, along the applicant's property line may also be required with the tap request. The actual point of connection and meter installation must be readily accessible to utility personnel for inspection, servicing, and meter reading while being reasonably secure from damage by vehicles and mowers. If the utility has more than one main adjacent to the service applicant's property, the tap or service connection will be made to the utility's nearest service main with adequate capacity to service the applicant's full potential service demand. Beyond the initial 200 feet, the customer shall bear only the equivalent cost of extending from the nearest main. If the tap or service connection cannot be made at the applicant's desired location, it will be made at another location mutually acceptable to the applicant and the utility. If no agreement on location can be made, the applicant may refer the matter to the Commission for resolution.

Section 3.06 - Qualified Service Applicant

A "qualified service applicant" is an applicant who has: (1) met all of the utility's requirements for service contained in this tariff, Commission rules and/or order, (2) has made payment or made arrangement for payment of tap fees, (3) has provided all easements and rights-of-way required to provide service to the requested location, (4) delivered an executed customer service inspection certificate to the Utility, if applicable, and (5) has executed a customer service application for each location to which service is being requested.

The utility shall serve each qualified service applicant within its certified service area as soon as practical after receiving a completed service application. All service requests will be fulfilled within the time limits prescribed by Commission rules once the applicant has met all conditions precedent to achieving "qualified service applicant" status. If a service request cannot be fulfilled within the required period, the applicant shall be notified in writing of the delay, its cause and the anticipated date that service will be available. The Commission service dates shall not become applicable until the service applicant has met all conditions precedent to becoming a qualified service applicant as defined by Commission rules.

Section 3.07 - Developer Requirements

As a condition of service to a new subdivision, the utility shall require a developer (as defined by PUC rule) to provide permanent recorded public utility easements as a condition of service to any location within the developer's property.

APPENDIX A – SAMPLE SERVICE AGREEMENT  
From TCEQ Rules, 30 TAC § 290.47(b), Appendix B  
SERVICE AGREEMENT

- I. PURPOSE. The NAME OF SEWER SYSTEM is responsible for protecting the drinking water supply from contamination or pollution which could result from improper private water distribution system construction or configuration. The purpose of this service agreement is to notify each customer of the restrictions which are in place to provide this protection. The utility enforces these restrictions to ensure the public health and welfare. Each customer must sign this agreement before the NAME OF SEWER SYSTEM will begin service. In addition, when service to an existing connection has been suspended or terminated, the sewer system will not re-establish service unless it has a signed copy of this agreement.
  
- II. RESTRICTIONS. The following unacceptable practices are prohibited by State regulations.
  - A. No direct connection between the public drinking water supply and a potential source of contamination is permitted. Potential sources of contamination shall be isolated from the public water system by an air-gap or an appropriate backflow prevention device.
  - B. No cross-connection between the public drinking water supply and a private water system is permitted. These potential threats to the public drinking water supply shall be eliminated at the service connection by the installation of an air-gap or a reduced pressure-zone backflow prevention device.
  - C. No connection which allows water to be returned to the public drinking water supply is permitted.
  - D. No pipe or pipe fitting which contains more than 8.0% lead may be used for the installation or repair of plumbing at any connection which provides water for human use.
  - E. No solder or flux which contains more than 0.2% lead can be used for the installation or repair of plumbing at any connection which provides water for human use.
  
- III. SERVICE AGREEMENT. The following are the terms of the service agreement between the NAME OF SEWER SYSTEM (the Sewer System) and NAME OF CUSTOMER (the Customer).
  - A. The Sewer System will maintain a copy of this agreement as long as the Customer and/or the premises are connected to the Sewer System.
  - B. The Customer shall allow his property to be inspected for possible cross-connections and other potential contamination hazards. These inspections shall be conducted by the Sewer System or its designated agent prior to initiating new water service; when there is reason to believe that cross-connections or other potential contamination hazards exist; or after any major changes to the private water distribution facilities. The inspections shall be conducted during the Sewer System's normal business hours.
  - C. The Sewer System shall notify the Customer in writing of any cross-connection or other potential contamination hazard which has been identified during the initial inspection or the periodic reinspection.
  - D. The Customer shall immediately remove or adequately isolate any potential cross-connections or other potential contamination hazards on his premises.
  - E. The Customer shall, at his expense, properly install, test, and maintain any backflow prevention device required by the Sewer System. Copies of all testing and maintenance records shall be provided to the Sewer System.
  
- IV. ENFORCEMENT. If the Customer fails to comply with the terms of the Service Agreement, the Sewer System shall, at its option, either terminate service or properly install, test, and maintain an appropriate backflow prevention device at the service connection. Any expenses associated with the enforcement of this agreement shall be billed to the Customer.

CUSTOMER'S SIGNATURE:  
DATE: