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APPLICATION OF MSEC WASTE WATER, INC. FOR AUTHORITY TO CHANGE RATES §
 § **BEFORE THE**
 § **PUBLIC UTILITY COMMISSION**
 § **OF TEXAS**

MSEC WASTE WATER, INC.’S RESPONSE TO ORDER NO. 18

COMES NOW, MSEC Waste Water, Inc. (MSEC WW or Applicant) and files this Response to Order No. 18.¹ Order No. 18 directs MSEC WW to provide proof of notice to the Office of Public Utility Counsel (OPUC) by September 1, 2021; therefore, this Response is timely filed.

On January 21, 2021, Applicant filed its Revised Notice of Proposed Rate Change, which included the Affidavit of Troy Morris, First Vice-President of MSEC WW, attesting that notice was provided to all current customers and affected parties on January 7, 2021. The proposed effective date was February 25, 2021. On August 31, 2021, MSEC WW served upon OPUC its Revised Notice of Proposed Rate Change in compliance with Order No. 18. Attached (as Attachment A) is the Affidavit of Troy Morris, First Vice-President of MSEC WW, attesting that Notice was provided to OPUC.

Respectfully submitted,

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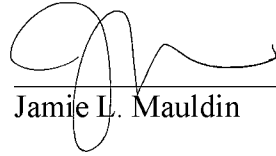
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**ATTORNEYS FOR MSEC WASTE WATER,
INC.**

¹ Order No. 18 Granting Extension Request (Aug. 26, 2021).

CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I certify that, unless otherwise ordered by the presiding officer, notice of the filing of this document was provided to all parties of record via electronic mail on August 31, 2021 in accordance with the Order Suspending Rules, filed in Project No. 50664.



Jamie L. Mauldin

AFFIDAVIT

STATE OF TEXAS

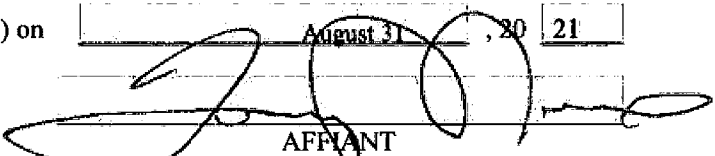
COUNTY OF MONTGOMERY

I, Troy Morris being duly sworn, file this **NOTICE OF PROPOSED RATE CHANGE**

as First Vice-President (indicate relationship to Utility that is, owner, member of partnership, title as officer of corporation, or other authorized representative of Utility); that, in such capacity, I am qualified and authorized to file and verify such notice; and that all statements and matters set forth herein are true and correct.

I further represent that a copy of the attached notice was provided by E-mail (opuc_eservice@opuc.texas.gov) (method of delivery)

to the Office of Public Utility Counsel (OPUC) on August 31, 20 21


AFFIANT
(Utility's Authorized Representative)

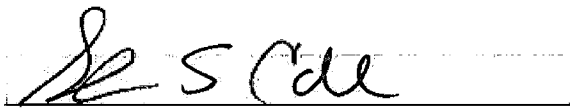
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NAME OF UTILITY

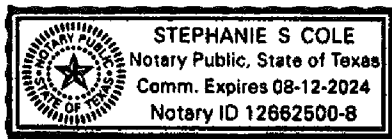
If the Affiant to this form is any person other than the sole owner, partner, officer of the Utility, or its attorney, a properly verified Power of Attorney must be enclosed.

SUBSCRIBED AND SWORN TO BEFORE

this the 31 day of August, 20 21, to certify which witness my hand and seal of office.

SEAL


NOTARY PUBLIC IN AND FOR THE
STATE OF TEXAS



Stephanie S Cole
PRINT OR TYPE NAME OF NOTARY

MY COMMISSION EXPIRES 8-12-2024

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**NOTICE OF PROPOSED RATE CHANGE
PURSUANT TO
TEXAS WATER CODE §§ 13.1871 AND 13.18715**

MSEC Waste Water, Inc.	20984
Company Name	CCN Number(s)

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

EFFECTIVE DATE OF PROPOSED INCREASE: February 25, 2021

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

Reason(s) for Proposed Rate Change:

This rate change is being filed in accordance with Commission requirements from PUC Docket No. 44740. It seeks to align MSEC Wastewater's rate design with the current level of expanded operations and enable the utility to recover its operations and maintenance expenses and a reasonable return on investment.

BILLING COMPARISON

Sewer

Existing 5,000 gallons: \$ 56.25 /mo Proposed 5,000 gallons: \$ 55.00 /mo

Montgomery Independent School District, Mid-South Synergy Operations Center: WQ0014638001
Lake Creek High School, Oak Hill Junior High School, Keenan Elementary School: WQ0015341001
Subdivision(s) or System(s) Affected by Rate Change

P.O. Box 970 Navasota Texas 77868
Company Address City State Zip

(936) 825-5100
Company Phone Number

\$21,864.40
Water Annual Revenue Increase Water Pass-Through Annual Revenue Increase Sewer Annual Revenue Increase

September 7, 2017
Date Current Rate Change Notice Delivered Date of Last Rate Change

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

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RATEPAYER COMMENTS/REQUESTS TO INTERVENE

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

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

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

CUSTOMER INFORMATION (to be completed by customers submitting protests)

First Name: _____ Last Name: _____

Phone Number: _____ Fax Number: _____

Address, City, State: _____

Location where service is received: _____
(if different from the mailing address)

Please fill out the following:

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

I wish to be a COMMENTER. I understand that: I am NOT a party to this case; my comments are not considered evidence in this case; and I have no further obligation to participate in the proceeding. Public comments may help inform the PUCT of the public concerns and identify issues to be explored. Please provide comments below. Attach a separate page, if necessary.

I am requesting to INTERVENE in this proceeding. As an INTERVENOR, I understand that: I am a party to the case; I am required to respond to all discovery requests from other parties; I may be required to attend hearings, and if I file testimony, I may be cross-examined in the hearing; if I file any documents in the case, I must provide a copy to every other party in the case; and I acknowledge that I am bound by the Procedural Rules of the PUCT and the State Office of Administrative Hearings (SOAH).

Signature of Protester:

_____ Date: _____

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

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

NOTICE OF PROPOSED RATE CHANGE – SEWER			
CURRENT RATES		PROPOSED RATES	
Minimum Monthly Charge includes	0	gallons	
Meter Size:		Meter Size:	
RESIDENTIAL		RESIDENTIAL	
5/8" or 1"	\$ 40.00	5/8"	\$ 55.00
		3/4"	\$ 55.00
1" (commercial)	\$ 100.00	1"	\$ 138.50
1 1/2"	\$ 200.00	1 1/2"	\$ 172.00
2" (standard commercial)	\$ 275.00	2"	\$ 355.00
3" (non-std. commercial)	\$ 500.00	3"	\$ 645.00
Other:	See additional meter sizes on next page	Other:	See additional meter sizes on next page
GALLONAGE OR FIXED CHARGE:		GALLONAGE OR FIXED CHARGE:	
\$	per	\$	per
<input type="checkbox"/>	month; OR	<input type="checkbox"/>	month; OR
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Volumes for meter sizes up to 8" are based on the winter average water consumption for November through February.		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> for each additional 1,000 gallons over the minimum. Gallonage charges are determined based on actual water usage.	
MISCELLANEOUS FEES		MISCELLANEOUS FEES	
Tap Fee	\$ 1,300.00	Tap Fee	\$ 1,300.00
Reconnect Fee: Non-payment	\$ 25.00	Reconnect Fee: Non-payment (Maximum - \$25.00)	\$ 25.00
Customer's Request	\$ 30.00	Customer's Request	\$ 30.00
Transfer Fee	\$ 25.00	Transfer Fee	\$ 25.00
Late Charge	10%	Late Charge (Indicate either \$5.00 or 10%)	10%
Returned Check Charge	\$ 25.00	Returned Check Charge	\$ 25.00
Deposit	\$ 50.00	Deposit (Maximum \$50.00)	\$ 50.00
Meter Test Fee	\$	Meter Test Fee (Maximum - \$25.00)	\$

Regulatory Assessment of 1% is added to the minimum monthly charge and gallonage charges. Additional fees and meter sizes may be shown on a separate page.

If applicable, list any bill payment assistance programs to low income ratepayers.

NOTICE OF PROPOSED RATE CHANGE –SEWER			
continued			
CURRENT RATES, continued		PROPOSED RATES, continued	
4"		4"	\$860.00
6"		6"	\$1,720.00
8" (commercial)	\$8,046.00	8"	\$10,378.00
10" (commercial)	\$12,739.50	10"	\$16,432.00
12"		12"	\$26,017.00

CURRENT VOLUMETRIC CHARGE		PROPOSED VOLUMETRIC CHARGE	
3/4" or 1"	\$3.25	3/4"	\$0.00
1" (commercial)	\$3.25	1"	\$0.00
1 1/2"	\$3.50	1 1/2"	\$4.60
2"	\$3.50	2"	\$5.00
3"	\$3.50	3"	\$5.00
4"		4"	\$5.00
6"		6"	\$5.00
8"	\$5.50	8"	\$7.90
10"	\$5.50	10"	\$7.90
12"		12"	\$7.90