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## APPLICATION OF WINDSOR WATER COMPANY FOR A CLASS D ANNUAL RATE ADJUSTMENT

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### **NOTICE OF APPROVAL**

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This Notice of Approval addresses the application of Windsor Water Company, a Class D utility, for an annual rate adjustment under Texas Water Code (TWC) § 13.1872. The Commission increases Windsor Water's water monthly base rates and gallonage rates by 5.0%, effective January 28, 2021.

#### I. Findings of Fact

The Commission makes the following findings of fact.

#### **Applicant**

- 1. Windsor Water is a Texas for-profit corporation registered with the Texas secretary of state under file number 44852200.
- 2. Windsor Water provides water service under certificate of convenience and necessity (CCN) number 11281 in McLennan County, which serves 243 connections.
- 3. Windsor Water operates a Texas Commission on Environmental Quality (TCEQ) approved registered public water system registered under identification number 1550112.

#### **Application**

- 4. On February 27, 2020, Windsor Water filed the application at issue in this proceeding in which it seeks a Class D annual rate adjustment of 5.0%.
- 5. On April 6, August 12, and October 8, 2020, Windsor filed supplements to the application.
- 6. The application is Windsor Water's fourth requested Class D rate adjustment.
- In Order No. 6 filed on December 1, 2020, the administrative law judge (ALJ) deemed the application administratively complete and established an effective date of January 28, 2021.

# <u>Rate Adjustment</u>

- 8. Windsor Water requested an 5.0% annual rate adjustment to its water monthly base rates and gallonage rates.
- 9. Windsor proposed increasing its monthly base rates as follows:

Meter Size	Current Base Rates	Proposed Base Rates
5/8" or 3/4"	\$52.34	\$54.96
1"	\$52.34	\$54.96
1 1/2"	\$160.22	\$168.23
2"	\$160.22	\$168.23
3"	\$160.22	\$168.23

10. Windsor Water proposed increasing its gallonage rates as follows:

Gallonage Blocks	Current Gallonage Rates	Proposed Gallonage Rates
From 0 to 10,000 gallons	\$4.81	\$5.05
From 10,001 to 20,000 gallons	\$5.08	\$5.33
From 20,001 gallons and up	\$5.35	\$5.62

# <u>Tariff</u>

13. On December 7, 2020, Commission Staff filed the proposed tariff.

### II. Conclusions of Law

The Commission makes the following conclusions of law.

- The Commission has authority over the application under Texas Water Code (TWC) § 13.1872.
- Windsor Water is a utility as defined in TWC § 13.002(23) and is a class D utility under TWC § 13.002(4-d).
- 3. Under TWC § 13.1872(f), Windsor may adjust its rates not more than once each year and not more than four times between rate proceedings under TWC § 13.1871.
- 4. An 5.0% increase in Windsor Water's monthly base rates and gallonage rates complies with TWC § 13.1872(e)(2).
- 5. The Commission processed the application in accordance with the requirements of the TWC, the Administrative Procedure Act,<sup>1</sup> and the Commission's rules.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> Tex. Gov't Code §§ 2001.001–.903.

- Windsor Water demonstrated that it has met the requirements of TWC § 13.1872 and 16 TAC § 24.49 for approval of the rate adjustments.
- Under TWC § 13.1872(c)(1), Windsor Water must provide notice at least 30 days before the effective date of the proposed change.
- 8. Under 16 TAC § 24.49(e), Windsor must provide notice after it receives a written order by the Commission approving or modifying the application.

# **III.** Ordering Paragraphs

In accordance with these findings of fact and conclusions of law, the Commission issues the following orders.

- 1. The Commission approves Windsor Water's application for a Class D annual rate adjustment, effective January 28, 2021.
- The Commission adjusts the Windsor Water's monthly base rates, effective January 28, 2021, as follows:

Meter Size	Approved Base Rates
5/8" or 3/4"	\$54.96
1"	\$54.96
11/2"	\$168.23
2"	\$168.23
3"	\$168.23

3. The Commission adjusts the Estate's gallonage rate as follows:

Gallonage Blocks	Approved Gallonage Rates
From 0 to 10,000 gallons	\$5.05
From 10,001 to 20,000 gallons	\$5.33
From 20,001 gallons and up	\$5.62

- 4. The Commission approves the tariff filed by Commission Staff on December 7, 2020.
- 5. Within ten days of this Notice of Approval, Commission Staff must file a clean copy of the tariff, with the approved effective date, with Central Records to be marked *Approved* and kept in the Commission tariff book.
- 6. Windsor Water must, by December 28, 2020, provide to each ratepayer by mail, or by electronic mail if the ratepayer has agreed to receive communications electronically, notice of the rate adjustment with the effective date of January 28, 2021, using the form

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included with Commission Staff's fourth supplemental recommendation on administrative completeness and recommendation on final disposition filed on November 30, 2020.

- 7. By February 11, 2021, Windsor Water must file proof that it provided notice as specified above.
- 8. The Commission denies all other motions and any other requests for general or specific relief, if not expressly granted.

Signed at Austin, Texas the 11th day of December 2020.

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