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APPLICATION OF MANVEL
TERRACE UTILITIES, INC. FOR A
CLASS D RATE ADJUSTMENT

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PUBLIC UTILITY COMMISSION
OF TEXAS

NOTICE OF APPROVAL

This Notice of Approval addresses the application of Manvel Terrace Utilities, Inc., a class D utility, for an annual rate adjustment under Texas Water Code (TWC) § 13.1872. The Commission approves Manvel Terrace's increase in monthly water base rate and gallonage rate by 5.0% for its public water system, effective October 1, 2020.

I. Findings of Fact

The Commission makes the following findings of fact.

Applicant

1. Manvel Terrace is a domestic for-profit corporation registered with the Texas secretary of state under registration number 78001700.
2. Manvel Terrace is obligated to provide water service under certificate of convenience and necessity (CCN) number 12080 in Brazoria County and serves 76 active water connections under this CCN.
3. Manvel Terrace operates a public water system registered with the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality under identification number 0200102, which serves the Manvel Terrace subdivision.

Application

4. On July 6, 2020, Manvel Terrace filed an application for a price index rate adjustment.
5. On July 22, 2020, Manvel Terrace filed a revised application for a class D annual rate adjustment of 5.0%.
6. On July 24 and August 3, 2020, Manvel Terrace filed supplements to the revised application.
7. Manvel Terrace proposed an effective date of September 1, 2020.

- 8. In Order No. 3 filed on August 18, 2020, the administrative law judge deemed the revised application, as supplemented, administratively complete and accepted for filing, and established an effective date of October 1, 2020.
- 9. This is Manvel Terrace’s first application for an annual rate adjustment under TWC § 13.1872, but its third rate adjustment between base rate proceedings.

Rate Adjustment

- 10. Manvel Terrace requested a 5.0% annual rate adjustment to its monthly water base rate and its water gallonage rate.
- 11. Manvel Terrace proposed increasing the monthly water base rate as follows:

Meter Size (Includes 1,000 Gallons)	Approved Base Rate	Proposed Base Rate
5/8” or 3/4”	\$ 33.48	\$ 35.15

- 12. Manvel Terrace proposed increasing the water gallonage rate (per 1,000 gallons) as follows:

Gallons Used	Approved Gallonage Rate (per 1,000 gallons)	Proposed Gallonage Rate (per 1,000 gallons)
Per 1,000 gallons	\$ 3.91	\$ 4.11

Tariff

- 13. On August 14, 2020, Commission Staff filed the proposed water tariff as an attachment to its recommendation on administrative completeness and final disposition.

Informal Disposition

- 14. No person filed a protest or motion to intervene.
- 15. Manvel Terrace and Commission Staff are the only parties to this proceeding.
- 16. No party requested a hearing and no hearing is needed.
- 17. Commission Staff recommended approval of the revised application, as supplemented.
- 18. This decision is not adverse to any party.

II. Conclusions of Law

The Commission makes the following conclusions of law.

1. The Commission has authority over the application under TWC § 13.1872.
2. Manvel Terrace 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), Manvel Terrace may adjust its rates not more than once each year and not more than four times between rate proceedings under TWC § 13.1871.
4. A 5.0% increase in Manvel Terrace's monthly water base rate and gallonage rate 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,¹ and Commission rules.
6. Manvel Terrace demonstrated that it has met the requirements of TWC § 13.1872 for approval of the rate adjustments.
7. The requirements for informal disposition under 16 TAC § 22.35 have been met in this proceeding.
8. Under TWC § 13.1872(c)(1), the applicant must provide notice 30 days before the effective date of the proposed change.
9. Under 16 TAC § 24.49(e), the applicant 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 Manvel Terrace's increase in monthly water base rate and gallonage rate by 5.0% for its public water system, effective October 1, 2020.

¹ Tex. Gov't Code §§ 2001.001–.903.

- 2. The Commission adjusts Manvel Terrace’s monthly water base rate, effective October 1, 2020, as follows:

Meter Size (Includes 1,000 Gallons)	Base Rate
5/8” and 3/4”	\$ 35.15

- 3. The Commission adjusts Manvel Terrace’s water gallonage rate, effective October 1, 2020, as follows:

Gallons Used	Gallonage Rate (per 1,000 gallons)
>1,000 gallons	\$ 4.11

- 4. The Commission approves the tariff pages attached to Commission Staff’s recommendation on administrative completeness and final disposition filed on August 14, 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. Manvel Terrace must, by September 1, 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 October 1, 2020, using the included form attached to Commission Staff’s recommendation on administrative completeness and final disposition.
- 7. By October 1, 2020, Manvel Terrace must file proof that it has provided notice as specified above.
- 8. The Commission denies all other motions and any other requests for general or specific relief that have not been expressly granted.

Signed at Austin Texas the 19 day of August 2020.

PUBLIC UTILITY COMMISSION OF TEXAS

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Katie Moore".

KATIE MOORE
ADMINISTRATIVE LAW JUDGE