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TARIFF CONTROL NO. 51438

APPLICATION OF BLESSING MOBILE § PUBLIC UTILITY COMMISSION
HOME PARK FOR PASS THROUGH §
RATE CHANGE § OF TEXAS

JOINT PROPOSED NOTICE OF APPROVAL
AND MOTION TO ADMIT EVIDENCE IN SUPPORT THEREOF

COME NOW Blessing Mobile Home Park (“Blessing”) and the Staff of the Public Utility Commission of Texas (“Staff”) (collectively, “Parties”), to file this Joint Proposed Notice of Approval and Motion to Admit Evidence in Support Thereof. In support thereof, the Parties show the following:

I. BACKGROUND

1. On October 16, 2020, Blessing filed an application to implement a pass-through rate increase (“Application”), pursuant to 16 Texas Administrative Code (“TAC”) § 24.25(b)(2)(C)-(F), seeking an increase to its water pass-through rate from \$2.88 to \$3.45 per 1,000 gallons and increasing its wastewater pass-through rate from \$4.15 to \$4.45 per 1,000 gallons.
2. On November 17, 2020, the administrative law judge filed the Notice finding the application and notice sufficient and established a procedural schedule directing the Parties to file joint proposed findings of fact and conclusions of law by December 14, 2020. Therefore, this pleading is timely filed.

II. JOINT MOTION TO ADMIT EVIDENCE

The Parties move to admit the following evidence into the record of this proceeding:

1. The Application and proof of notice, filed on October 16, 2020 (Interchange Item No. 1);

2. Staff's Recommendation on the Application and Notice, and all attachments except the water and sewer utility tariffs,¹ filed on November 16, 2020 (Interchange Item No. 5); and
3. Staff's Amended Tariffs, filed on December 14, 2020 (Interchange Item No. 7).

III. PROPOSED NOTICE OF APPROVAL

The Parties move for adoption of the attached Joint Proposed Notice of Approval, which would approve the Application to implement a pass-through rate increase.

IV. CONCLUSION

WHEREFORE, PREMISES CONSIDERED, Blessing Mobile Home Park and the Staff of the Public Utility Commission of Texas respectfully request that the Commission grant and adopt this motion to Admit Evidence and adopt the attached Joint Proposed Notice of Approval.

Respectfully submitted,

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¹ The water and sewer tariffs attached to Staff's final recommendation do not reflect the pass-through water and sewer rates requested by Blessing and recommended by Staff.

CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I hereby certify that I have served or will serve a true and correct copy of the foregoing document via hand delivery, facsimile, electronic mail, overnight mail, U.S. mail and/or Certified Mail Return Receipt Requested to all parties on this the 14th day of December 2020.



John Carlton

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JOINT PROPOSED NOTICE OF APPROVAL

This Notice of Approval addresses the application of Blessing Mobile Home Park (“Blessing”) to implement a pass-through rate increase for water and sewer collection and treatment purchased from the City of Round Rock. Blessing is seeking approval to increase to its water pass-through rate from \$2.88 to \$3.45 per 1,000 gallons and its wastewater pass-through rate from \$4.15 to \$4.45 per 1,000 gallons, effective December 1, 2020 for customers in the Blessing Mobile Home Park subdivision. The Commission approves the requested increase to the City of Round Rock pass-through fees effective December 1, 2020.

I. FINDINGS OF FACT

The Commission makes the following findings of fact.

Applicant

1. Blessing provides water service under Certificate of Convenience and Necessity (CCN) number 11986 and wastewater service under CCN number 20653 in Williamson County.

Application

2. On October 16, 2020, Blessing filed its application, seeking to increase its water pass-through rate from \$2.88 to \$3.45 per 1,000 gallons and its wastewater pass-through rate from \$4.15 to \$4.45 per 1,000 gallons, effective December 1, 2020.
3. Blessing filed its application to recover an increase in the water and wastewater rates it is charged by the City of Round Rock.
4. The application identified the affected CCN numbers, the public water system name and corresponding number issued by the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality, and the affected subdivision, and included a copy of the notice provided to customers.

5. The application contained documentation supporting the amounts stated for the pass-through increase, historical documentation of line loss for one year, the calculations and assumptions to true-up the cost of the pass-through increase and to determine the new rates, and a copy of Blessing's tariff containing the rates that will be changed upon approval of the application.
6. On November 16, 2020, Staff recommended approval of Blessing's request to increase its water pass-through rate to \$3.45 per 1,000 gallons and its wastewater rate to \$4.45 per 1,000 gallons.
7. In a notice filed on November 17, 2020, the administrative law judge (ALJ) found the application and sufficient.

Notice

8. On October 16, 2020, Blessing filed a copy of its Notice of Pass-Through Rate Increase, informing its customers of the increase to water and wastewater pass-through rates to be effective December 1, 2020.
9. The notice contained the effective date of the change, the present calculation of customer billings, the new calculation of customer billings, the change in charges to Blessing for purchased water and wastewater collection and treatment, and included the language, "This tariff change is made in accordance with the minor tariff changes allowed by 16 Texas Administrative Code § 24.25(b)(2)F). The cost to you because of this change will not exceed the cost we are charged by the City of Round Rock."
10. In a notice filed on November 17, 2020, the ALJ found the notice sufficient.

Jurisdiction—Texas Water Code (TWC) §§ 13.002(19) and 13.041

11. Blessing is a retail public utility that purchases water and wastewater collection and treatment.
12. Blessing is under the original jurisdiction of the Commission.

Eligibility for Pass-Through Rate Change—16 Texas Administrative Code (TAC) § 24.25

13. The proposed rates will pass through only the actual costs charged to Blessing by the City of Round Rock and does not duplicate costs otherwise charged to customers under the current tariff.

Evidentiary Record

14. On December 14, 2020, the parties filed a joint proposed notice of approval and motion to admit evidence.
15. On _____, 2020, the ALJ admitted the following evidence into the record of this proceeding:
 - a. The application, filed on October 16, 2020;
 - b. Commission Staff's recommendation on the application and notice, filed on November 16, 2020; and
 - c. Commission Staff's amended tariffs, filed on December 14, 2020.

Tariff

16. On November 16, 2020, Commission Staff filed proposed water and sewer tariffs as an attachment to its recommendation on the application.
17. On December 14, 2020, Commission Staff filed amended proposed water and sewer tariffs. The proposed tariffs reflect the pass-through gallonage charge increases requested by Blessing and contains a pass-through provision similar to the tariff.

Informal Disposition

18. More than 15 days have passed since the completion of notice provided in this docket.
19. No person filed a protest or motion to intervene.
20. Blessing and Commission Staff are the only parties to this proceeding.
21. No party has requested a hearing, and no hearing is one necessary.
22. Commission Staff recommended approval of the application.
23. This decision is not adverse to any party.

II. CONCLUSIONS OF LAW

The Commission makes the following conclusions of law.

1. Blessing is a retail public utility as defined in TWC § 13.002(19) and 16 TAC § 24.3(31).
2. The Commission has jurisdiction over the application under TWC § 13.041.
3. The Commission has authority to approve this minor change to Blessing's tariffs for water and wastewater under 16 TAC § 24.25(b)(2).
4. The application meets the requirements set forth in 16 TAC § 24.25(b)(2).
5. Notice of the application was provided in compliance with 16 TAC § 24.25(b)(2)(F).
6. The Commission processed the Application pursuant to the TWC, the Administrative Procedure Act,² and Commission Rules.
7. The informal disposition requirements set out in 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 orders.

1. The Commission approves an increase in Blessing's water pass-through rate from \$2.88 to \$3.45 per 1,000 gallons and an increase in Blessing's wastewater pass-through rate from \$4.15 to \$4.45 per 1,000 gallons, effective December 1, 2020.
2. The Commission approves the proposed tariffs filed by Commission Staff on December 14, 2020.
3. Within ten days after the date of this Notice of Approval, Commission Staff must provide a clean copy of the tariff approved in this Notice of Approval to central records to be marked *Approved* and filed in the Commission's tariff book.

² Tex. Gov't Code §§ 2001.001-.903.

4. 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.