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APPLICATION OF RJR WATER COMPANY, INC. FOR A CLASS D RATE ADJUSTMENT

PUBLIC UTILITY COMMISSION **§** § §

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ORDER NO. 4 FINDING APPLICATION INCOMPLETE AND DEFICIENT AND ESTABLISHING **OPPORTUNITY TO CURE**

This Order addresses RJR Water Company, Inc.'s April 7, 2021 application for a class D rate adjustment. On May 24, 2021, Commission Staff recommended that the application be found administrative complete.

The administrative law judge (ALJ) disagrees with Commission Staff's recommendation and finds RJR Water's application, and the proposed notice furnished by Commission Staff, to be deficient and inaccurate. Specifically, both filings include a proposed notice that contains a "billing comparison" intended to estimate a customer's monthly bill based on assumed usages of 5,000 and 10,000 gallons. Thus, for example, for usage of 5,000 gallons, the proposed notices provided by RJR and Commission Staff both state that the bill would be \$25 under the previous rates and \$26.25 under the new rates. By the ALJ's calculation, the correct amounts would be \$50.50 and \$53.05.

The ALJ deems the application administratively incomplete and deficient. By June 15, 2021, RJR Water must cure the deficiency. By July 6, 2021, Commission Staff must file a supplemental recommendation on sufficiency of the application and notice, provide an improved notice, and propose a procedural schedule, if appropriate. Both parties must identify a new proposed effective date for the proposed rates that is sufficiently far into the future to enable completion of the provision of notice at least 30 days prior to the effective date.



Signed at Austin, Texas the 27th day of May 2021.

PUBLIC UTILITY COMMISSION OF TEXAS

HUNTER BURKHALTER CHIEF ADMINISTRATIVE LAW JUDGE