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#### TARIFF CONTROL NO. 52032

APPLICATION OF INLINE UTILITIES, \$ PUBLIC UTILITY COMMISSION LLC FOR A PASS THROUGH RATE \$ OF TEXAS

## INLINE UTILITIES, LLC'S RESPONSE TO ORDER NO. 14 REQUIRING CLARIFICATION AND RECOMMENDATIONS

COMES NOW, Inline Utilities, LLC (Inline), by and through its undersigned attorneys of record, and files this Response to Order No. 14 Requiring Clarification and Recommendations. In support thereof, Inline shows as follows:

#### I. BACKGROUND

On April 15, 2021, Inline filed an application under 16 Texas Administrative Code (TAC) § 24.25(b) for approval of a pass-through rate change related to an increase in fees imposed on the utility by North Harris County Regional Water Authority (Application). On May 15, 2024, the presiding administrative law judge (ALJ) filed Order No. 14 Requiring Clarification and Recommendations (Order), which directed Inline to provide clarification by May 24, 2024 on whether notice was provided to all customers prior to the beginning of the billing period in which the revision to the approved pass-through provision took effect. Therefore, this response is timely filed.

#### II. CLARIFICATION OF NOTICE

Inline hereby provides the following attachment, demonstrating that it has properly notified its customers of the revision to the pass-through provision prior to such revision taking effect.

Affidavit of Notice. Inline provides an affidavit sworn by Danisha Kozaczkiewicz,
Office Manager for Inline Utilities, LLC, stating that Inline has previously mailed
notice to customers of Cottage Gardens public water system (Affected Customers) on
March 4, 2021, prior to the effective date of such rate increase. A copy of the affidavit
is attached hereto as Attachment A.

Additionally, Inline would like to clarify that although it timely notified Affected Customers of the rate increase proposed by the Application, Inline did not implement that pass-through rate increase until the September 2021 billing period. That September 2021 billing period

was the first billing period to implement such increased rates following the approval of interim rates granted in this Docket on September 17, 2021.

#### III. CONCLUSION

Inline respectfully provides this Response to Order No. 14, and requests that the ALJ adopt the Notice of Approval and grant Inline Utilities, LLC all further relief to which it may be justly entitled.

Respectfully submitted,

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#### 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 May 24, 2024, in accordance with the Order Suspending Rules, issued in Project No. 50664.

Chloe A. Daniels

### Attachment A

Affidavit of Danisha Kozaczkiewicz

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#### AFFIDAVIT OF NOTICE

On this day, appeared before me, the undersigned notary public, Danisha Kozaczkiewicz, Office Manager for Inline Utilities, LLC (Inline Utilities), a Texas limited liability company, and after I administered an oath to her, upon her oath, she said:

"My name is Danisha Kozaczkiewicz. I am the Office Manager for Inline Utilities. I am more than twenty-one (21) years of age and capable of making this affidavit. I have personal knowledge of the facts stated herein, which are true and correct.

- 1. Notice of the pass-through rate increase was mailed to each customer of the Cottage Gardens public water system (Affected Customers) beginning on March 4, 2021, in accordance with 16 Texas Administrative Code (TAC) §24.25(b)(2)(F).
- 2. Such notice contained the following language: 'The presiding officer has established the following interim rates to be in effect until the final decision on the requested rate change or until another interim rate is establishes,' as required by 16 Texas Administrative Code (TAC) §24.25(b)(2)(F)(ii)(VI)."

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#### FURTHER AFFIANT SAYETH NOT.

Danisha Kozackiewicz, Office Manager

Inline Utilities, LLC

STATE OF TEXAS

**COUNTY OF HARRIS** 

Sworn to and subscribed before me the undersigned authority on this 24 day of May, 2024 by Danisha Kozaczkiewicz, Office Manager for Inline Utilities, LLC.

> BHAVIKA NEGANDHI Notary ID #134184210

Notary Public, State of Texas