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#### **TARIFF CONTROL NO. 52850**

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

# COMMISSION STAFF'S RECOMMENDATION ON THE APPLICATION AND NOTICE

On November 15, 2021, Conroe Resort Utilities, LLC (Conroe Resort) filed an application under 16 Texas Administrative Code (TAC) § 24.25(b)(2) for approval of a pass-through rate change for an increase in the fees billed by the San Jacinto River Authority.

On November 16, 2021, the administrative law judge filed Order No. 1, establishing a deadline of December 15, 2021 for the Staff (Staff) of the Public Utility Commission of Texas (Commission) to file comments on the application and notice. Therefore, this pleading is timely filed.

#### I. RECOMMENDATION ON THE APPLICATION

Staff has reviewed the application and, as detailed in the attached memorandum of Maxine Gifford of the Commission's Rate Regulation Division, Staff recommends that the application be found administratively incomplete at this time. Staff further recommends that Conroe Resort be ordered to cure the deficiencies identified in Ms. Gilford's memorandum by January 7, 2022, and that Staff be given a deadline of January 21, 2022, to file a supplemental recommendation on the administrative completeness of the application.

#### II. RECOMMENDATION ON NOTICE

Staff recommends that the notice provided to customers be deemed insufficient. As detailed in Ms. Gilford's attached memorandum, the notice provided in Conroe Resort's application contains several deficiencies. Staff recommends that Conroe Resort amend the notice to cure the deficiencies identified in Ms. Gilford's memorandum by January 7, 2021, and that Staff be given a deadline of January 21, 2022, to file a supplemental recommendation on the administrative completeness of the notice.

#### Ш. **CONCLUSION**

For the reasons detailed above, Staff respectfully requests that the application be found administratively incomplete, that Conroe be ordered to file supplemental information to cure the deficiencies in the application and notice by January 7, 2022, and that Staff be given a deadline of January 21, 2022, to file a supplemental response on the administrative completeness of the application and notice.

Dated: December 15, 2021

Respectfully submitted,

### **PUBLIC UTILITY COMMISSION OF TEXAS** LEGAL DIVISION

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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 December 15, 2021, in accordance with the Order Suspending Rules issued in Project No. 50664.

/s/ Ian Groetsch
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## Public Utility Commission of Texas

### Memorandum

**TO:** Ian Groetsch, Attorney

Legal Division

FROM: Maxine Gilford, Financial Analyst

Rate Regulation Division

**DATE:** December 15, 2021

**RE:** Tariff Control No. 52850 - Application of Conroe Resort Utilities, LLC for a Pass-

Through Rate Change

On November 15, 2021, Conroe Resort Utilities, LLC (Conroe Resort) filed an application to implement a pass-through rate change under 16 Texas Administrative Code (TAC) § 24.25(b)(2) for an increase in the fees billed by San Jacinto River Authority (Authority). The Authority amended its rates effective September 1, 2021. Conroe Resort is requesting to amend its tariff to implement a pass-through fee of \$3.40 per thousand gallons, effective November 1, 2021.

Based upon my review of the information in the application, the following deficiencies are noted:

- 1) The notice sent to customers does not include the affected Certificate of Convenience and Necessity number, and a list of affected subdivisions or water systems, including public water system numbers. Please amend the notice to include this information.
- 2) The application does not include a copy of the pages of Conroe Resort's most recently approved tariff that contain the rates that will change if the application is approved. Please submit a copy of this tariff.
- 3) The notice sent to customers did not include the following language: "This tariff change is being implemented in accordance with the minor tariff changes allowed by 16 Texas Administrative Code §24.25. The cost to you as a result of this change will not exceed the costs charged to your utility." Please include this language on the notice.
- 4) On the notice sent to customers, the present calculation of billings shows G, the approved per 1,000-gallon gallonage charge, as \$2.68. The May 27, 2021 letter from the Authority reflects that charge as \$2.73. Please explain the discrepancy and amend the notice sent to customers if necessary.
- 5) On the notice sent to customers, the new calculation of billings shows G, the approved per 1,000-gallon gallonage charge, as \$2.89. The May 27, 2021 letter from the Authority reflects that charge as \$2.88. Please explain the discrepancy and amend the notice sent to customers if necessary.
- 6) Please provide an explanation for the \$0.16 increase shown on the line loss calculation sheet.