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SECTION 1.0--RATE SCHEDULE

Section 1.01--Rates

CONNECTION TYPE

Residential---\$20.00 per month

N

Section 1.02--Miscellaneous Fees

TAP FEE.....\$ 750.00

Tap fee is limited to the average of the Utility's actual costs for materials and labor for standard residential connections.

N

RECONNECTION FEE.....\$ 70.00

The reconnect fee will be charged before service can be restored to a customer who has been disconnected at a) the customer's request, b) reasons listed under Section 2.0 of this tariff, or c) reasons listed in the Commission's Substantive Rules.

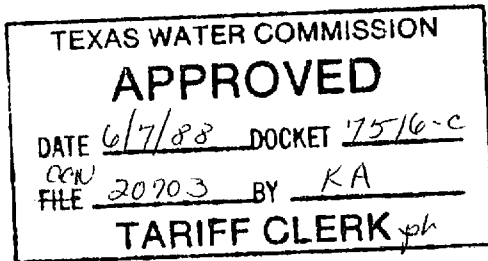
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LATE CHARGE

A one-time penalty of \$1.00 or 5.0% whichever is larger may be made on delinquent bills. The penalty on delinquent bills may not be applied to any balance to which the penalty was applied in a previous billing.

RETURNED CHECK CHARGE.....\$ 15.00

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SECTION 2.0--SERVICE RULES AND REGULATIONS

Section 2.01--Application for Service

All applications for service will be made on the utility's standard application or contract form (attached in Appendix A to this tariff) and will be signed by the applicant before sewer service is provided by the utility. A separate application or contract will be made for each service at each separate location.

Section 2.02--Sewer Installation

After the applicant has met all the requirements, conditions and regulations for service, the utility will install a service connection and/or take all necessary actions to initiate service. The utility shall serve each qualified applicant for service within its certified area as rapidly as is practical after accepting a completed application. The utility shall provide service in a timely manner on a non-discriminatory basis.

Service requests not involving line extensions, construction or new facilities shall be filled no later than fourteen (14) working days after a completed application has been accepted. If construction is required which cannot be completed within thirty (30) days, the utility shall provide a written explanation of the construction required and an expected date of service. Service shall be provided within thirty (30) days of the expected date, but no later than 180 days after a completed application was accepted. Failure to provide service within this time frame shall constitute refusal to serve.

Section 2.03--Refusal of Service

The utility may decline to serve an applicant until such applicant has complied with both state and municipal regulations, the approved rules and regulations of the utility on file with the Commission and for the following reasons:

1. if the applicant's installation or equipment is known to be inadequate or of such character that satisfactory service cannot be given;
2. if the applicant is indebted to any utility for the same kind of service as that applied for, provided, however, that in the event the indebtedness of the applicant is in dispute, the applicant shall be served upon complying with the deposit requirement of the utility.
3. for refusal to make a deposit, if applicant is required to make a deposit by the utility.

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SECTION 2.0--SERVICE RULES AND REGULATIONS (CONT.)

Section 2.03--Refusal of Service (cont.)

In the event that the utility shall refuse to serve an applicant, the utility must inform the applicant of the basis of its refusal. The utility is also required to inform the applicant that it may file a complaint with the Commission.

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Section 2.04--Customer Deposits

If the residential applicant cannot establish credit to the satisfaction of the utility, the applicant may be required to pay a deposit that does not exceed \$50.00 for sewer utility service.

The utility must keep a record of each deposit, issue a receipt for it, and pay annual interest at a rate set each calendar year by the Commission. The utility shall maintain all funds received as customer deposits in a separate, federally insured, interest bearing account and shall use such funds only for the purpose of payment of unpaid bills guaranteed by such deposits, payment of interest to depositors and refund of deposits to depositors.

The utility must automatically refund the deposit plus accrued interest:

1. if service is not connected,
2. after disconnection of service if the deposit or portion of the deposit exceeds any unpaid bills; or,
3. to any residential customer who has paid service bills for 12 consecutive months without being disconnected for nonpayment and without more than two occasions on which a bill was delinquent. The refund need not be made if payment on the current bill is delinquent.

Non-residential applicants, if unable to establish satisfactory credit, may be required to make a deposit not to exceed one-sixth (1/6) of the estimated annual billings.

Section 2.05--Meter Requirements, Readings, and Testing

It is not a requirement that the utility use meters to measure the quantity of sewage disposed of by individual customers. When a sewer utility is operated in conjunction with a water utility which serves the same customers, the charge for sewage disposal service may be based on the consumption of water as registered on the customer's water meter.

One connection is required for each residential, commercial or industrial facility. An apartment building or a trailer or mobile home park may be considered to be a single commercial facility.

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SECTION 2.0 SERVICE RULES AND REGULATIONS (CONT.)

Section 2.06--Billing

Bills from the utility shall be rendered monthly unless otherwise authorized by the Commission. Payment is considered late if not received at the utility's office or postal address within sixteen (16) days of the billing date. The postmark on the envelope of the bill or the recorded date of mailing by the utility, if there is no postmark on the envelope, shall constitute proof of the date of issuance.

A one-time penalty of \$1.00 or 5.0%, whichever is larger, may be made on delinquent bills. However, no such penalty may be collected unless a record of the date of mailing is made at the time of the mailing and maintained at the principal office of the utility.

Each bill shall show the following information (if applicable):

1. the date and reading of the meter at the beginning and at the end of the period for which the bill is rendered;
2. the number and kind of units metered;
3. the applicable rate schedule, title or code;
4. the total amount due for water service and, separately stated, the total amount due for sewer service;
5. the due date of the bill;
6. the date by which customers must pay the bill in order to avoid addition of a penalty;
7. the total amount due as penalty for nonpayment within a designated period;
8. a distinct marking to identify an estimated bill;
9. any conversions from meter reading units to billing units from recording or other devices, or any other factors used in determining the bill; and,
10. the gallonage used in determining sewer usage.

The information required in items 1-10 above shall be arranged to allow the customer to readily compute his bill with a copy of the utility's rate schedule which shall be provided by the utility at the request of the customer.

In the event of a dispute between a customer and a utility regarding any bill for utility service, the utility shall conduct an investigation and report the results to the customer. If the dispute is not resolved, the utility shall inform the customer that a complaint may be filed with the Commission.

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SECTION 2.0 SERVICE RULES AND REGULATIONS (CONT.)

Section 2.07--Service Disconnection

The utility is encouraged to offer a deferred payment plan to a customer who cannot pay an outstanding bill in full and is willing to pay the balance in reasonable installments. However, a customer's utility service may be disconnected if a bill has not been paid or a deferred payment agreement entered into within 26 days from the date of issuance of a bill and if proper notice has been given.

Proper notice shall consist of a separate mailing or hand delivery at least ten (10) days prior to a stated date of disconnection, with the words "termination notice" or similar language prominently displayed on the notice. The notice must also list the past due balance.

Utility service may be disconnected after proper notice for any of the following reasons:

1. failure to pay a delinquent account or to comply with a deferred payment agreement;
2. willful violation of a utility usage rule when that violation interferes with another customer's service; or,
3. failure to comply with valid deposit or guarantee arrangements.

Service may only be disconnected without notice:

1. when a known dangerous condition exists, for as long as the condition exists;
2. when service is established through meter bypassing, an unauthorized connection or unauthorized reconnection; and,
3. in instances of tampering with the utility company's equipment.

A utility may not disconnect any customer for failure to pay for merchandise or service unrelated to utility service, even if the utility provides that merchandise or those services. A utility may not disconnect any customer for a previous occupant's failure to pay amounts owed to the utility.

Utility personnel must be available to make collections and to reconnect service on the day of and the day after any disconnection of service unless service was disconnected at the customer's request or because of a hazardous condition.

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SECTION 2.0 SERVICE RULES AND REGULATIONS (CONT.)

Section 2.08--Service Interruptions

The utility shall make all reasonable efforts to prevent interruptions of service. When interruptions occur, the utility shall re-establish service within the shortest possible time. Except for momentary interruptions due to automatic equipment operations, each utility shall keep a complete record of all interruptions, both emergency and scheduled.

The Commission shall be notified in writing of any service interruptions affecting the entire system or any major division of the system lasting more than four hours. The notice shall also state the cause of such interruptions.

Section 2.09--Termination of Utility Service

No utility may abandon any customer or any portion of its service area without prior written notice to affected customers and neighboring utilities and prior Commission approval.

Section 2.10--Quality of Service

Each sewer utility shall maintain and operate a treatment facility of adequate size and properly equipped to treat sewage and discharge the effluent at the quality required by its permit issued by the Texas Water Commission.

Additional capacity shall be provided to meet the reasonable local demand characteristics of the service area.

The application of Commission rules shall not relieve the utility from complying with the requirements of the laws and regulations of the State, local Department of Health, local ordinances and all other regulatory agencies having jurisdiction over such matters.

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SECTION 2.20 SPECIFIC UTILITY SERVICE RULES AND REGULATIONS

This section contains specific utility service rules in addition to the standard rules previously listed under Section 2.0. It must be reviewed and approved by the Texas Water Commission to be effective.

None at this time

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SECTION 3.0--EXTENSION POLICY

Section 3.01--Standard Extension Requirements

Contributions in aid of construction shall not be required of individual residential customers for transmission, pumping, treatment or disposal of sewage.

The utility will bear the cost of the first 200 feet of any collection line necessary to extend service to an individual residential customer. The utility shall bear the full cost of any oversizing of collection lines to serve any additional customers in the immediate area. If the specific utility extension policy stated in Section 3.20 of this tariff requires, residential customers may be required to pay for additional collection lines beyond the first 200 feet.

The extension policy may not be applied to requests for service where the utility already has a line in place, even though the line may be overloaded.

Individual residential customers who place a unique or non-standard service demand on the system may be charged the actual costs of any additional collection or pumping facilities required over and above the standard requirements.

If specifically stated in Section 3.20 of this tariff, developers may be required to provide contributions in aid of construction in amounts to furnish the system with facilities compliant with Texas Water Commission minimum design criteria for transmission, pumping, treatment, or disposal of sewage.

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SECTION 3.20--SPECIFIC UTILITY EXTENSION POLICY

This section contains a specific utility extension policy in addition to the standard policy stated under Section 3.0. It must be reviewed and approved by the Texas Water Commission to be effective.

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