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WATER UTILITY TARIFF FOR

<u>Timberlane Estates Property Owners Association</u> (Utility Name)

HC 52 Box 303 (Business Address)

Hemphill, Texas 75948

(City, State, Zip Code)

(409) 962-8831 (Area Code/Telephone)

This tariff is effective for utility operations under the following Certificate of Convenience and Necessity:

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This tariff is effective in the following county:

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This tariff is effective in the following cities or unincorporated towns:

None

This tariff is effective in the following subdivisions and public water systems:

Timberlane Estates: PWS ID #2020055

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SECTION 1.0 - RATE SCHEDULE

Section 1.01 - Rates

Meter Size Monthly Minimum Charge Gallonage Charge

5/8" or 3/4" \$23.71 (Includes 0 gallons) \$3.60 per 1000 gallons

FORM OF PAYMENT: The utility will accept the following forms of payment:

Cash X , Check X , Money Order X , Credit Card , Other (specify) THE UTILITY MAY REQUIRE EXACT CHANGE FOR PAYMENTS AND MAY REFUSE TO ACCEPT PAYMENTS MADE USING MORE THAN \$1.00 IN SMALL COINS. A WRITTEN RECEIPT WILL BE GIVEN FOR CASH PAYMENTS.

Section 1.02 - Miscellaneous Fees

RESIDENTIAL 5/8" or 3/4" METER. AN ADDITIONAL FEE TO COVER UNIQUE COSTS IS PERMITTED IF LISTED ON THIS TARIFF.

RECONNECTION FEE

THE RECONNECT FEE MUST BE PAID BEFORE SERVICE CAN BE RESTORED TO A CUSTOMER WHO HAS BEEN DISCONNECTED FOR THE FOLLOWING REASONS (OR OTHER REASONS LISTED UNDER SECTION 2.0 OF THIS TARIFF):

- b) Customer's request that service be disconnected\$25.00

SECTION 1.0 -- RATE SCHEDULE (Continued)

TRANSFER FEE
LATE CHARGE (EITHER \$5.00 OR 10% OF THE BILL)
RETURNED CHECK CHARGE\$25.00 RETURNED CHECK CHARGES MUST BE BASED ON THE UTILITY'S DOCUMENTABLE COST.
CUSTOMER DEPOSIT RESIDENTIAL (Maximum \$50)
COMMERCIAL & NON-RESIDENTIAL DEPOSIT 1/6TH OF ESTIMATED ANNUAL BILL
GOVERNMENTAL TESTING, INSPECTION AND COSTS SURCHARGE: WHEN AUTHORIZED IN WRITING BY TNRCC AND AFTER NOTICE TO CUSTOMERS, THE UTILITY MAY INCREASE RATES TO RECOVER INCREASED COSTS FOR INSPECTION FEES AND WATER TESTING 30 TAC 291.21(K)(2).

LINE EXTENSION AND CONSTRUCTION CHARGES:

REFER TO SECTION 3.0--EXTENSION POLICY FOR TERMS, CONDITIONS, AND CHARGES WHEN NEW CONSTRUCTION IS NECESSARY TO PROVIDE SERVICE.

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 water service is provided by the utility. A separate application or contract will be made for each service at each separate location.

Section 2.02--Water Installation

After the applicant has met all the requirements, conditions and regulations for service, the utility will install a tap, meter and cut-off valve 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

utility may decline to serve an applicant until such applicant The 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:

the applicant's installation or equipment is known to be inadequate or of such character that satisfactory service cannot be given;

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; or,

3. refusal to make a deposit, if applicant is required to make a

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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.

Section 2.04--Customer Deposits

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 water utility service.

utility must keep a record of each deposit, issue a receipt it, and pay annual interest at a rate set each calendar year by for 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:

if service is not connected;

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 in 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

All water sold by the utility shall be hilled based on meter measurements. The utility shall provide, install, own and maintain meters to measure amounts of water consumed by its customers. No meter shall be placed in service unless its accuracy has been

meter 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 2.05 -- Meter Requirements, Readings, and Testing

Service meters shall be read at monthly intervals and as nearly as possible on the corresponding day of each monthly meter reading If the circumstances warrant, meters may be read at other than monthly intervals.

Upon request, a customer may have his meter tested, without charge. in his presence or in that of his authorized representative, at a convenient time to the customer, but during the utility's normal working hours. A charge not to exceed \$15.00 may be assessed for an additional requested test within two years of the first test if the additional test shows the meter to be accurate.

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):

- the date and reading of the meter at the beginning and at the end of the period for which the bill is rendered;
- the number and kind of units metered;
- the applicable rate schedule, title, or code;
- the total amount due for water service;
- the due date of the bill;
- the date by which customers must pay the bill in order to avoid addition of a penalty;
- the total amount due as penalty for nonpayment within a 8.
- a distinct marking to identify an estimated bill; and any conversions from meter reading units to billing units from
- recording or other devices, or any other factors used in

The information required in items 1-9 above shall be arranged to allow the customer to readily compute his bill with a copy of the utility's rate schedules which shall be provided by the utility at

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SECTION 2.0 SERVICE RULES AND REGULATIONS (CONT.)

Section 2.06--Billing (cont.)

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.

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 deliquent account or to comply with a deferred payment agreement:
- willful violation of a utility usage rule when that violation interferes with another customer's service; or,
- failure to comply with valid deposit or guarantee arrangements.

Service may only be disconnected without notice:

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

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

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. 8339 = E CCIV 17

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SECTION 2.0 SERVICE RULES AND REGULATIONS (CONT.)

Section 2.08--Service Interruptions

shall make all reasonable efforts to prevent The utility 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.

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

utility must plan, furnish, and maintain production, treatment, storage, transmission, and distribution facilities of sufficient size and capacity to provide a continuous and adequate supply of water for all reasonable consumer uses. Minimum residual pressure at the consumer's meter shall be at least 20 psi during peak usage and 35 psi during normal operating conditions.

The water system quantity requirements of the Texas Department of Health shall be the minimum standards for determining the sufficiency of production, treatment, storage, distribution facilities of water utilities for household usage. transmission and Additional capacity shall be provided to meet the reasonable local demand characteristics of the service area.

Each utility shall furnish water which has been approved by the Texas Department of Health. 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

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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 approved by the Texas Water Commission to be reviewed and effective.

When a property owner becomes 90 days or more in arrears he is sent a registered letter, as per the Board of Directors instructions, telling him he needs to make one current payment and one arrearage payment in order to preclude having his service disconnected. If he is unable to do so he must have approval from the Board of Directors for any other proposed payment plan. He rhwn has 14 days from receipt of a certified letter to make arrangement with the Board of Directors.

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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 production, storage, treatment or transmission facilities.

The utility will hear the cost of the first 200 feet of water main necessary to extend service to an individual residential customer. The utility shall hear the full cost of any oversizing of water mains to serve other residential customers in the 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 main beyond the first 200 feet.

The extension policy may not he 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 transmission or storage 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 Department of Health minimum design criteria for facilities used in the production, transmission, pumping, storage or treatment of water.

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SECTION 3.20 -- SPECIFIC UTILITY EXTENSION POLICY

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

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SECTION 4.0 -- DROUGHT CONTINGENCY PLAN (Utility must attach copy of TCEQ approved Drought Contingency Plan)

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Drought Contingency Plan for Timberlane Estates

Texas Commission on Environmental Quality

Timberlane Estates Property Owners Association

[Name of Utility]

130 White Pine Drive, Hemphill, Texas 75048

[Address, City, Zip Code]

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1 June 2008

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James "Sonny" Davis

/Γ/E.P.O.A. Water System Operator

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DROUGHT CONTINGENCY PLAN

FOR THE

INVESTOR OWNED UTILITY

Timberlane Estates Property Owners Association

130 White Pine Dr. Hemphill, TX 75948

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Section 1 Declaration of Policy, Purpose, and Intent

In cases of extreme Drought, periods of abnormally high usage, system contamination, or extended reduction in ability to supply water due to equipment failure, temporary restrictions may be instituted to limit non-essential water usage. The purpose of the drought contingency plan is to encourage customer conservation in order to maintain supply storage or pressure or to comply with the requirements of a court, government agency or other authority.

Please note: Water restriction is not a legitimate alternative if water system does not meet the TCEQ's capacity requirements under normal conditions or if the utility fails to take all immediate and necessary steps to replace or repair malfunctioning equipment.

Section 2 Public Involvement

Opportunity for the public to provide input into the preparation of the plan was provided by the Timberlane Estates Property Owners by means of the Board of Directors and the Annual Meeting of the property owners.

Section 3 Public Education

The Timberlane Estates Property Owners Association will periodically provide the public with information about the plan, including information about the conditions under which each stage of the plan is to be initiated or terminated and the drought response measures to be implemented in each stage. This information will be provided by means of letters to the property owners.

Section 4 Coordination with the Regional Water Planning Groups

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The service area of the Timberlane Estates Property Owners Association is located within the East Texas Regional Planning Area and Timberlane Estates Property Owners Association has provided a copy of the plan to the East Texas Regional Water Planning Group.

Declaration Section 5

Declaration of the water restriction: When there is an acute water supply shortage to such an extent that normal use patterns can no longer be served, the utility may implement a water restriction program in the following manner.

Section 6 **Notice Requirements**

Written notice will be provided to each customer prior to implementation or termination of each stage of the water restriction program. Mailed notice must be given to each customer 72 hours prior to the start of water restriction. If notice is hand delivered, the utility cannot enforce the provisions of the plan for 24 hours after notice is provided. The written notice to customers will contain the following information.

- 1. The date restriction will begin,
- 2. The circumstances that triggered the restrictions.
- The stages of response and explanation of the restrictions to be 3 implemented, and
- An explanation of the consequences for violations. 4.

The utility must notify the TCEQ by telephone at (512) 239-4691, or electronic mail at watermon@tceq.state.tx.us prior to implementing Stage Ill and must notify in writing the Public Drinking Water Section at MC - 160, PO Box 13087, Austin, Texas 78711-3087 within five (5) working days of implementation including a copy of the utility's restriction notice. The utility must file a status report of its restriction program with the TCEQ every 30 days that restriction continues.

Section 7 **Violations**

- First violation The customer will be notified by written notice of their specific violation.
- 2. Second violation After written notice the utility may install a flow restricting device in the line to limit the amount of water which will pass through the meter in a 24 hour period. The utility may charge the customer for the actual cost of installing and removing the flow restricting device, not to exceed \$50.00.

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Violations cont'd

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Subsequent Violation – The utility may discontinue service at the meter for a period of seven (7) days, or until the end of the calendar month, whichever is less. The normal reconnect fee of the utility will apply for restoration of service.

Section 8 Exemptions or Variances

The utility may grant any customer an exemption or variance from the Drought Contingency Plan for good cause **upon written request.** A customer who is refused an exemption or variance may appeal such action of the utility by written appeal to the TCEQ. The utility will treat all customers equally concerning exemptions and variances. No exemptions and variance shall be retroactive or otherwise justify any violation of this plan occurring prior to the issuance of the variance.

Section 9 Criteria for Initiation and Termination of Drought Response Stages

Unless there is an immediate and extreme reduction in water production, or other absolute necessity to declare an emergency or severe condition, the utility will initially declare Stage 1 restrictions. If after a reasonable period of time, demand is not reduced enough to alleviate outages, reduce the risk of outages or comply with restrictions required by a court, government agency or other authority, Stage III to follow if necessary.

STAGE I - VOLUNTARY WATER USE RESTRICTIONS

GOAL: Achieve a voluntary reduction in water use and demand.

Stage I will begin:

Every April 1st, the utility will mail a public announcement to its customers. No notice to TCEQ required.

Stage I will end:

Every September 30th, the utility will mail an announcement to its customers. No notice to TCEQ required.

STAGE II - MILD WATER USE RESTRICTIONS

GOAL: Achieve a voluntary reduction in daily demand.

Requirements for initiation

Customers shall be required to comply with the requirements and restrictions on certain nonessential water uses when the TCEQ announces restrictive water use or when the storage tanks do not fill over TEXAS COMM. ON ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY

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night, or when service pumps run continuously for 10 hours, or catastrophic equipment failure.

Requirements for termination

Stage II of the plan may be rescinded when all of the conditions listed as triggering have ceased to exist for a period of 3 days. Upon termination of Stage II, Stage I becomes operative.

Utility Measures

Visually inspect lines and repair leaks of a daily basis. Monthly review of customers use records and follow-up on any unusually high usage.

The second water source for Timberlane Estates Property Owners Association is to use Well #2.

Voluntary Waste Use Restrictions:

- 1. Restricted hours: Outside watering is allowed daily, but only during periods specifically described in the customer notice: Between 10pm and 5am for example; or
- Restricted days/hours: Water customers are requested to voluntarily limit the irrigation of landscaped areas with hose-end sprinklers or automatic irrigation systems. Customers are requested to limit outdoor water use to Mondays, Wednesdays, and Fridays for even lot numbers and Tuesdays, Thursdays, and Saturdays for odd lot numbers. Irrigation of landscaped areas is further limited to the hours of 12 midnight until 10am and between 8pm and 12 midnight on designated watering days. However, irrigation of landscaped areas is permitted at anytime if however, irrigation of landscaped areas is permitted at anytime if it is by means of a hand-held hose, a faucet filled bucket or watering can of five (5) gallons or less, or drip irrigation systems.
- 3. Other uses that waste water such as water running down the gutter.

STAGE IV - Critical Water Use Restrictions:

GOAL: Achieve a per customer limit in water usage equivalent to or below the winter months average per customer.

Requirements for Initiation

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Customers shall be required to comply with the requirements and restrictions for Stage IV when the utility determines that a water supply emergency exists based on:

- 1. Major water line breaks, or pump or system failures occur, which cause unprecedented loss of capability to provide water service; or
- 2. Natural or man-made contamination of the water supply source.

Requirements for Termination

Stage IV of the plan may be rescinded when all of the conditions listed as triggering events have ceased to exist for a period of 3 consecutive days. Upon termination of Stage 3 becomes operative.

Supply Management Measures

The utility shall visually inspect lines and repair leaks on a daily basis. Flushing is prohibited except for dead end means and only between the hours of 9pm and 3am. Emergency interconnects or alternative supply arrangements shall be initiated. All meters shall be read as often as necessary to insure compliance with the program for the benefit of all the customers.

Water Use Restrictions

All outdoor use of water is prohibited.

- 1. Irrigation of landscaped areas is absolutely prohibited.
- 2. Use of water to wash any motor vehicle, motorbike, boat, trailer, airplane or other vehicle is absolutely prohibited.

For more information call:

Timberlane Estates Property Owners Association President – Andy Williams 409-579-2100 Water System Operator – Sonny Davis 409-579-2502

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