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WATER UTILITY TARIFF FOR

Escondido Creek Estates, Inc. (Utility Name) P.O. Box 1049 (Business Address)

361/595-5585

(Area Code/Telephone)

Kingsville, Texas 78364-1049 (City, State, Zip Code)

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:

Kleburg

This tariff is effective in the following cities or unincorporated towns (if any):

<u>N/A</u>

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

Escondido Creek Estates (PWS ID#1370034)

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SECTION 1.0 -- RATE SCHEDULE

Section 1.01 - Rates

| Meter Size Monthly Minimum Charge | |
|--|--------------------------------|
| $5/8"$ or $3/4"$ $$40.00$ (Includes <u>0</u> gallons) 1" $$100.00$ 1 $\frac{1}{2}$ " $$200.00$ 2" $$320.00$ 3" $$600.00$ | <u>\$4.50</u> per 1000 gallons |

FORM OF PAYMENT: The utility will accept the following form(s) of payment:

Cash____, 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.

REGULATORY ASSESSMENT 1.0% TCEQ RULES REQUIRE THE UTILITY TO COLLECT A FEE OF ONE PERCENT OF THE RETAIL MONTHLY BILL.

Section 1.02 - Miscellaneous Fees

TAP FEE COVERS THE UTILITY'S COSTS FOR MATERIALS AND LABOR TO INSTALL A STANDARD RESIDENTIAL 5/8" or 3/4" METER. AN ADDITIONAL FEE TO COVER UNIQUE COSTS IS PERMITTED IF LISTED ON THIS TARIFF.

TAP FEE (Unique costs) Actual Cost FOR EXAMPLE, A ROAD BORE FOR CUSTOMERS OUTSIDE OF SUBDIVISIONS OR RESIDENTIAL AREAS.

TAP FEE (Large meter) Actual Cost TAP FEE IS THE UTILITY'S ACTUAL COST FOR MATERIALS AND LABOR FOR METER SIZE INSTALLED.

METER RELOCATION FEE Actual Relocation Cost, Not to Exceed Tap Fee THIS FEE MAY BE CHARGED IF A CUSTOMER REQUESTS THAT AN EXISTING METER BE RELOCATED.

THIS FEE WHICH SHOULD REFLECT THE UTILITY'S COST MAY BE CHARGED IF A CUSTOMER REOUESTS A SECOND METER TEST WITHIN A TWO-YEAR PERIOD AND THE TEST INDICATES THAT THE METER IS RECORDING ACCURATELY. THE FEE MAY NOT EXCEED \$25.

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SECTION 1.0 -- RATE SCHEDULE (Continued)

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):

| a) | Non payment of bill (Maximum \$25.00) | <u>\$25.00</u> |
|----|---|----------------|
| b) | Customer's request that service be disconnected | <u>\$45.00</u> |

TRANSFER FEE \$45.00 THE TRANSFER FEE WILL BE CHARGED FOR CHANGING AN ACCOUNT NAME AT THE SAME SERVICE LOCATION WHEN THE SERVICE IS NOT DISCONNECTED

CUSTOMER DEPOSIT RESIDENTIAL (Maximum \$50) \$50.00

COMMERCIAL & NON-RESIDENTIAL DEPOSIT 1/6TH OF ESTIMATED ANNUAL BILL

GOVERNMENTAL TESTING, INSPECTION AND COSTS SURCHARGE:

WHEN AUTHORIZED IN WRITING BY TCEQ 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.

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SECTION 2.0 - SERVICE RULES AND REGULATIONS

ESCONDIDO CREEK WATER SUPPLY COMPANY adopts the Substantive Rules of the Texas Water Commission as its service rules and regulations, as supplemented below. In the event of conflict, the appropriate administrative agency rule shall control. A copy of the Commission's latest condensed substantive rules is included in Appendix B.

Section 2.1 Application for Service

All applications for service will be made on the utility's standard application or contract form 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 2.2 Water Installation

After the applicant has met all requirements, conditions and regulations herein set forth, the utility will then install a tap, meter and cut-off valves and take all necessary actions to initiate service.

Section 2.3 Billing

Water and sewer utility bills shall be rendered monthly unless otherwise authorized by the Commission, or unless service is terminated before the end of a billing cycle. Service initiated less than one week before the next billing cycle may be billed with the following month's bill. Bills should be rendered as promptly as possible following the reading of meters.

Bills are considered late if not received at the utility's office or postal address within 16 days of the billing date. Service can be disconnected for nonpayment of a bill only after 10 days written notice.

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SECTION 3.0 - EXTENSION POLICY

Section 3.1 Standard Extension Requirements Under Texas Water Commission Substantive Rules

Contributions in aid of construction shall not be required of individual residential applicants for production, storage, treatment or transmission facilities.

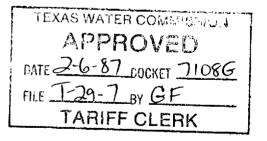
The utility will bear the cost of the first 200 feet of water main necessary to extend service to an individual residential applicant. The utility shall bear the full cost of any oversizing of water mains to serve other residential customers in the area.

Section 3.2 - Specific Utility Extension Policy

When an individual residential applicant requires an extension of a main line beyond 200 feet, the charge to that applicant shall be the actual cost of such extension in excess of 200 feet, plus the applicable tap fee.

When a developer wishes to extend the system to prepare to service multiple new connections, the charge shall be the cost of such extension, plus a pro-rata charge based upon the capacities of production, transmission, storage, pumping and treatment facilities which must be committed to such extension.

Any applicant who places unique or non-standard service demands on the system may be required to provide contributions in aid of construction for the actual costs of any additional facilities required to maintain compliance with the Texas Department of Health minimum design criteria for water production, treatment, pumping, storage and transmission.



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DROUGHT CONTINGENCY PLAN FOR THE **INVESTOR OWNED UTILITY**

<u>Escondido CREEK ESTATES, INC.</u> (Name of utility) <u>P.O. Box 1049, Kinlos VILLE, TX 78364-1049</u> (Address, City, Zip Code)

<u>// 600</u> (CCN#) 1370034 (PWS #s) AUGUST 22 2000 (Date)

Declaration of Policy, Purpose, and Intent Section 1

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 Texas Natural Resource Conservation Commission's (TNRCC) capacity requirements under normal conditions or if the utility fails to take all immediate and necessary steps to replace or repair malfunctioning equipment.

I KICHARD THALLMAN (Please print name), being the responsible official for <u>ESCONPIDO</u> (<u>RECELESTATES</u> <u>INC</u> (Name of utility), request a minor tariff amendment to include the enclosed Drought Contingency Plan. Kichael Shellow Av6, 22 2000 (Signature) (Date)

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Section 2 Public Involvement

Opportunity for the public to provide input into the preparation of the Plan was provided by: (check at least one of the following)

□ scheduling and providing public notice of a public meeting to accept input on the Plan. The meeting took place at:

 Date:

 Location:

□ mailed survey with summary of results. (attach survey and results)

Ø bill insert inviting comment. (attach bill insert)

🗆 other method _____

Section 3 Public Education

The $E_{5 c_{6} \rightarrow 0} c_{need} E_{SMES}/ac}$ (name of utility) 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.

Drought plan information will be provided by: (check at least one of the following)

□ public meeting

□ press releases

 $\overleftarrow{\mathbf{v}}$ utility bill inserts

O other ______

Section 4 Coordination with Regional Water Planning Groups

The service area of the Escondibo Cherk Estates (name of your utility) is located within:

| Regional Water Planning Group (RWPG)_ | COASTAL | benp | REGION | (N) |
|---------------------------------------|---------|------|--------|-----|
| | | | | |

ESCONPIDIL CREEK EST MUS (name of your utility) has mailed a copy of this Plan to the RWPG.

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Section 5 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 restrictions will begin,
- 2. the circumstances that triggered the restrictions,
- 3. the stages of response and explanation of the restrictions to be implemented, and,
- 4. an explanation of the consequences for violations.

The utility must notify the TNRCC by telephone at (512) 239- 6020, or electronic mail at watermon@tnrcc.state.tx.us prior to implementing Stage III and <u>must notify in writing the Public</u> Drinking Water Section at MC - 155, P.O. 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 TNRCC at the initiation and termination of mandatory water use restrictions (i.e. Stages III and IV).

Section 6 Violations

- 1. First violation The customer will be notified by written notice of their specific violation.
- 2. Subsequent violations:
 - a. 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.
 - After written notice, 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 7 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 in writing to the Texas Natural Resource Conservation Commission. The utility will treat all customers equally concerning exemptions and variances, and shall not discriminate in granting exemptions and variances. No exemption or variance shall be retroactive or otherwise justify any violation of this Plan occurring prior to the issuance of the variance.

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Section 8 **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 I 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 II may be implemented with Stage III to follow if necessary.

STAGE I - CUSTOMER AWARENESS

Stage 1 will begin: Every April 1st, the utility will mail a public announcement to its customers. No notice to TNRCC required.

Stage 1 will end:

Every September 30th, the utility will mail a public announcement to its customers. No notice to TNRCC required.

Utility Measures:

This announcement will be designed to increase customer awareness of water conservation and encourage the most efficient use of water. A copy of the current public announcement on water conservation awareness shall be kept on file available for inspection by the TNRCC.

Voluntary Water Use Restrictions:

Water customers are requested to voluntarily limit the use of water for non-essential purposes and to practice water conservation.

STAGE II - VOLUNTARY WATER CONSERVATION:

The water utility will implement Stage 2 when any one of the selected triggers is reached:

Supply-Based Triggers (check at least one and fill in the appropriate value)

- Well level reaches _____ ft. mean sea level (m.s.l.)

- Overnight recovery rate reaches ______ft. Reservoir elevation reaches ______ft. (m.s.l.) Stream flow reaches ______cfs at USGS gage # _____
- Wholesale supplier's drought Stage 2_____ Other PUMP DUSCHARGE FLOW S 180 6PM đ.

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Demand- or Capacity-Based Triggers (check at least one and fill in the appropriate value)

- Drinking water treatment as % of capacity
- Total daily demand as % of pumping capacity <u>60</u>% Total daily demand as % of storage capacity % **Q**
- Total daily demand as % of storage capacity
- Pump hours per day hrs.
- Production or distribution limitations.
- П Other

Upon initiation and termination of Stage 2, the utility will mail a public announcement to its customers. No notice to TNRCC required.

Requirements for termination

Stage 2 of the Plan may end when all of the conditions listed as triggering events have ceased to exist for a period of three (3) consecutive days. Upon termination of Stage 2, Stage 1 becomes operative.

Utility Measures:

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

Describe additional measures, if any, to be implemented directly by the utility to manage limited water supplies and/or reduce water demand. Examples include: reduced or discontinued flushing of water mains, activation and use of an alternative supply source(s); use of reclaimed water for non-potable purposes.

The second water source for M/A (name of utility) is: (check one)

- Other well
- Inter-connection with other system
- Purchased water
- Other

Voluntary Water Use Restrictions:

- Restricted Hours: Outside watering is allowed daily, but only during periods specifically 1. described in the customer notice; between 10:00 PM and 5:00 AM for example; OR
- Restricted Days/Hours: Water customers are requested to voluntarily limit the irrigation 2. of landscaped areas with hose-end sprinklers or automatic irrigation systems. Customers are requested to limit outdoor water use to Mondays for water customers with a street address ending with the numbers 1, 2, or 3, Wednesdays for water customers with a street address ending with the numbers 4, 5, or 6, and Fridays

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for water customers with a street address ending with the numbers 7, 8, 9, or 0. Irrigation of landscaped areas is further limited to the hours of 12:00 midnight until 10:00 a.m. and between 8:00 p.m. and 12:00 midnight on designated watering days. 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 system.

Other uses that waste water such as water running down the gutter. 3.

STAGE III - MANDATORY WATER USE RESTRICTIONS:

The water utility will implement Stage 3 when any one of the selected triggers is reached:

Supply-Based Triggers (check at least one and fill in the appropriate value)

Well level reaches _____ ft. (m.s.l.)

Overnight recovery rate reaches _____ ft.

Reservoir elevation reaches ______ ft. (m.s.l.)

- Stream flow reaches ______ cfs at USGS gage # _____
- Wholesale supplier's drought Stage 3_____ Other WELL PUMP DISCHARGE FLOW & 170° GPM Q.

Demand- or Capacity-Based Triggers (check at least one and fill in the appropriate value)

- Drinking water treatment as % of capacity _____% Total daily demand as % of pumping capacity $\underline{\neg O}$ %

Total daily demand as % of storage capacity

- Pump hours per day _____ hrs.
- Production or distribution limitations.
- Other ____

Upon initiation and termination of Stage 3, the utility will mail a public announcement to its customers. Notice to TNRCC required.

Requirements for termination

Stage 3 of the Plan may end when all of the conditions listed as triggering events have ceased to exist for a period of three (3) consecutive days. Upon termination of Stage 3, Stage 2 becomes operative.

Utility Measures:

Visually inspect lines and repair leaks on a regualar basis. Flushing is prohibited except for dead end mains.

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Describe additional measures, if any, to be implemented directly by the utility to manage limited water supplies and/or reduce water demand. Examples include: activation and use of an alternative supply source(s); use of reclaimed water for non-potable purposes; offering low-flow fixtures and water restrictors.

Mandatory Water Use Restrictions: The following water use restrictions shall apply to all customers.

- 1. Irrigation of landscaped areas with hose-end sprinklers or automatic irrigation systems shall be limited to Mondays for water customers with a street address ending with the numbers 1, 2, or 3, Wednesdays for water customers with a street address ending with the numbers 4, 5, or 6, and Fridays for water customers with a street address ending with the numbers 7, 8, 9, or 0. Irrigation of landscaped areas is further limited to the hours of 12:00 midnight until 10:00 a.m. and between 8:00 p.m. and 12:00 midnight on designated watering days. 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 system.
- 2. Use of water to wash any motor vehicle, motorbike, boat, trailer, airplane or other vehicle is prohibited except on designated watering days between the hours of 12:00 midnight and 10:00 a.m. and between 8:00 p.m. and 12:00 midnight. Such washing, when allowed, shall be done with a hand-held bucket or a hand-held hose equipped with a positive shutoff nozzle for quick rinses. Vehicle washing may be done at any time on the immediate premises of a commercial car wash or commercial service station. Further, such washing may be exempted from these regulations if the health, safety, and welfare of the public is contingent upon frequent vehicle cleansing, such as garbage trucks and vehicles used to transport food and perishables.
- 3. Use of water to fill, refill, or add to any indoor or outdoor swimming pools, wading pools, or "jacuzzi" type pools is prohibited except on designated watering days between the hours of 12:00 midnight and 10:00 a.m. and between 8 p.m. and 12:00 midnight.
- 4. Operation of any ornamental fountain or pond for aesthetic or scenic purposes is prohibited except where necessary to support aquatic life or where such fountains or ponds are equipped with a recirculation system.
- 5. Use of water from hydrants or flush valves shall be limited to maintaining public health, safety, and welfare.
- 6. Use of water for the irrigation of golf courses, parks, and green belt areas is prohibited except by hand held hose and only on designated watering days between the hours 12:00 midnight and 10:00 a.m. and between 8:00 p.m. and 12:00 midnight.
- 7. The following uses of water are defined as non-essential and are prohibited:

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a. wash down of any sidewalks, walkways, driveways, parking lots, tennis courts, or other hard-surfaced areas;

b. use of water to wash down buildings or structures for purposes other than immediate fire protection;

c. use of water for dust control:

d. flushing gutters or permitting water to run or accumulate in any gutter or street:

e. failure to repair a controllable leak(s) within a reasonable period after having been given notice directing the repair of such leak(s); and

f. Any waste of water.

STAGE IV - CRITICAL WATER USE RESTRICTIONS:

The water utility will implement Stage 4 when any one of the selected triggers is reached:

Supply-Based Triggers (check at least one and fill in the appropriate value)

| Well level reaches | ft. (m.s.l.) |
|--------------------|--------------|
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Overnight recovery rate reaches ______ft. Reservoir elevation reaches ______ft. (m.s.l.)

Stream flow reaches ______ cfs at USGS gage # _____

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Demand- or Capacity-Based Triggers (check at least one and fill in the appropriate value)

Drinking water treatment as % of capacity _____ %

Total daily demand as % of pumping capacity <u>80</u>% K

Total daily demand as % of storage capacity _____ ά

Pump hours per day hrs.

- Production or distribution limitations.
- System outage. X

Other Å.

Upon initiation and termination of Stage 4, the utility will mail a public announcement to its customers. Notice to TNRCC required.

Requirements for termination :

Stage 4 of the Plan may be rescinded when all of the conditions listed as triggering events have ceased to exist for a period of three (3) consecutive days. Upon termination of Stage 4, Stage 3 becomes operative.

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Operational Measures:

The utility shall visually inspect lines and repair leaks on a daily basis. Flushing is prohibited except for dead end mains and only between the hours of 9:00 p.m. and 3:00 a.m.. Emergency interconnects or alternative supply arrangements shall be initiated. All meters shall be read as often as necessary to insure compliance with this program for the benefit of all the customers. Describe additional measures, if any, to be implemented directly to manage limited water supplies and/or reduce water demand.

Mandatory 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.

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ESCONDIDO CREEK ESTATES, INC. P. O. Box 1049 - 4818 Quail Road Kingsville, Texas 78364-1049 361-595-5585

August 22, 2000

Dear Water Customer:

In accord with Senate Bill 1 passed in 1997 this water utility has filed a Drought Contingency Plan with the Texas Natural Resource Conservation Commission.

Since this water utility distributed only 12 % of its total pumping capacity during the month of July 2000, a record quantity of water delivered in the utility's twenty-one year history, it is quite unlikely that water use restrictions will ever have to be imposed. However, under the law Stage I – Customer Awareness (customers are reminded that voluntary restriction for non-essential uses and the practice of water conservation are encouraged) will begin every April 1st and will end every September 30th. Reminder letters will be enclosed with the monthly billing to customers.

Please let me know if you have any questions concerning your public water supply.

Sincerely,

Richard Thallman President

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