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# WATER UTILITY TARIFF FOR

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James R. Maib, Inc. dba H2O Systems Plus, Inc. (Utility Name)

517 Chukar Drive (Business Address)

Victoria, Texas 77905 (City, State, Zip Code) (361) <u>574-8876</u> (Area Code/Telephone)

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

# <u>11548</u>

This tariff is effective in the following county:

<u>Victoria</u>

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<u>N/A</u>

This tariff is effective in the following subdivisions or systems:

Coleto Water Company PWS ID #2350036

Shady Oaks Subdivision

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# SECTION 1.0 - RATE SCHEDULE

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Section 1.01 - Rates

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Meter Size	Monthly Minimum Charge	Gallonage Charge		
5/8" or 3/4"	\$ <u>17.50</u> (Includes <u>0</u> gallon)	$\underline{1.75}$ per 1,000 gallons thereafter		
FORM OF PAYMENT: THE UTILITY WILL ACCEPT THE FOLLOWING FORM(S) OF PAYMENT Cash_X_, Check_X_, Money Order, 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				
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# SECTION 1.0 - RATE SCHEDULE (CONT.)

#### **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):

	Non payment of bill (Maximum \$25.00)\$25.00Customer's request that service be disconnected\$12.50
TRANSFE	ER FEE
THE	TRANSFER FEE WILL BE CHARGED FOR CHANGING AN ACCOUNT NAME AT THE SAME SERVICE
LOC	ATION 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 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.

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# SECTION 2.0 - SERVICE RULES AND POLICIES

The utility will have the most current Texas Natural Resource Conservation Commission Rules, Chapter 291, Water Rates, available at its office for reference purposes. The Rules and this tariff shall be available for public inspection and reproduction at a reasonable cost. The latest Rules or Commission approved changes to the Rules supersede any rules or requirements in this tariff.

# Section 2.01 - Application for Water Service

All applications for service will be made on the utility's standard application or contract form (attached in the Appendix to this tariff), will be signed by the applicant, any required fees (deposits, reconnect, tap, extension fees, etc. as applicable) will be paid and easements, if required, will be granted before service is provided by the utility. A separate application or contract will be made for each service location.

# Section 2.02 - Refusal of Service

The utility may decline to serve an applicant until the applicant has complied with the regulations of the regulatory agencies (state and municipal regulations) and for the reasons outlined in the TNRCC Rules. In the event that the utility refuses to serve an applicant, the utility will inform the applicant in writing of the basis of its refusal. The utility is also required to inform the applicant that a complaint may be filed with the Commission.

# Section 2.03 - Fees and Charges & Easements Required Before Service Can Be Connected

#### (A) Customer Deposits

If a residential applicant cannot establish credit to the satisfaction of the utility, the applicant may be required to pay a deposit as provided for in Section 1.02 - Miscellaneous Fees of this tariff. The utility will keep records of the deposit and credit interest in accordance with TNRCC Rules.

Residential applicants 65 years of age or older may not be required to pay deposits unless the applicant has an outstanding account balance with the utility or another water or sewer utility which accrued within the last two years.

Nonresidential applicants who cannot establish credit to the satisfaction of the utility may be required to make a deposit that does not exceed an amount equivalent to one-sixth of the estimated annual billings.

Refund of deposit - If service is not connected, or after disconnection of service, the utility will promptly refund the customer's deposit plus accrued interest or the balance, if any, in excess of the unpaid bills for service furnished. The utility may refund the deposit at any time prior to termination of utility service but must refund the deposit plus interest for any customer who has paid 18 consecutive billings without being delinquent.

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#### SECTION 2.0 - SERVICE RULES AND POLICIES (CONT.)

#### (B) Tap or Reconnect Fees

A new customer requesting service at a location where service has not previously been provided must pay a tap fee as provided in Section 1. A customer requesting service where service has previously been provided must pay a reconnect fee as provided in Section 1. Any applicant or existing customer required to pay for any costs not specifically set forth in the rate schedule pages of this tariff shall be given a written explanation of such costs prior to request for payment and/or commencement of construction. If the applicant or existing customer does not believe that these costs are reasonable or necessary, the applicant or existing customer shall be informed of their right to appeal such costs to the TNRCC or such other regulatory authority having jurisdiction over the utility's rates in that portion of the utility's service area in which the applicant's or existing customer's property(ies) is located.

Fees in addition to the regular tap fee may be charged to cover unique costs not normally incurred as permitted by 30 T. A. C. 291.86(a)(1)(C) if they are listed on this approved tariff. For example, a road bore for customers outside a subdivision or residential area could be considered a unique cost.

#### (C) Easement Requirement

Where recorded public utility easements on the service applicant's property do not exist or public road right-of-way easements are not available to access the applicant's property, the Utility may require the applicant to provide it with a permanent recorded public utility easement on and across the applicant's real property sufficient to provide service to that applicant. Such easement(s) shall not be used for the construction of production, storage, transmission or pressure facilities unless they are needed for adequate service to that applicant.

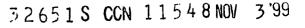
#### Section 2.04 - Utility Response to Applications for Service

After the applicant has met all the requirements, conditions and regulations for service, the utility will install tap, meter and utility cut-off valve and/or take all necessary actions to initiate service. The utility will serve each qualified applicant for service within 5 working days unless line extensions or new facilities are required. If construction is required to fill the order and if it cannot be completed within 30 days, the utility will provide the applicant with a written explanation of the construction required and an expected date of service.

Except for good cause where service has previously been provided, service will be reconnected within one working day after the applicant has met the requirements for reconnection.

#### Section 2.05 - Customer Responsibility

The customer will be responsible for furnishing and laying the necessary customer service pipe from the meter location to the place of consumption. Customers will not be allowed to use the utility's cutoff valve on the utility's side of the meter. Existing customers may install cutoff valves on their side of the meter



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# SECTION 2.0 - SERVICE RULES AND POLICIES (CONT.)

and are encouraged to do so. All new customers must install and maintain a cutoff valve on their side of the meter.

No direct connection between a public water supply system and any potential source of contamination or between a public water supply system and a private water source (ex. private well) will be allowed. A customer shall not connect, or allow any other person or party to connect, onto any water lines on his premises.

# Section 2.06 - Customer Service Inspections

Applicants for new service connections or facilities which have undergone extensive plumbing modifications are required to furnish the utility a completed customer service inspection certificate. The inspection certificate shall certify that the establishment is in compliance with the Texas Natural Resource Conservation Commission Rules and Regulations for Public Water Systems, Section 290.46(j). The Utility is not required to perform these inspections for the applicant/customer, but will assist the applicant/customer in locating and obtaining the services of a certified inspector.

# Section 2.07 - Back Flow Prevention Devices

All non-residential customers requiring a greater than 1" meter or any customer with irrigation or fire fighting systems, must install back flow prevention devices which have been approved by the utility or its consulting engineers on each of their customer service lines.

The back flow assembly shall be tested upon installation by a recognized prevention assembly tester and certified to be operating within specifications. Back flow prevention assemblies which are installed to provide protection against high health hazards must be tested and certified to be operating within specifications at least annually by a recognized back flow prevention device tester. The maintenance and testing of the back flow assembly shall occur at the customer's expense.

No water connection shall be made to any establishment where an actual or potential contamination or system hazard exists without an approved air gap or mechanical backflow prevention assembly. The air gap or backflow prevention assembly shall be installed in accordance with the American Water Works Association (AWWA) standards C510, C511 and AWWA Manual M14 or the University of Southern California Manual of Cross-Connection Control, current edition. The backflow assembly installation by a licensed plumber shall occur at the customer's expense.

# Section 2.08 - Access to Customer's Premises

The utility will have the right of access to the customer's premises at all reasonable times for the purpose of installing, testing, inspecting or repairing water mains or other equipment used in connection with its

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#### SECTION 2.0 - SERVICE RULES AND POLICIES (CONT.)

provision of water service, or for the purpose of removing its property and disconnecting lines, and for all other purposes necessary to the operation of the utility system including inspecting the customer's plumbing for code, plumbing or tariff violations. The customer shall allow the utility and its personnel access to the customer's property to conduct any water quality tests or inspections required by law. Unless necessary to respond to equipment failure, leak or other condition creating an immediate threat to public health and safety or the continued provision of adequate utility service to others, such entry upon the customer's property shall be during normal business hours and the utility personnel will attempt to notify the customer that they will be working on the customer's property. The customer may require any utility representative, employee, contractor, or agent seeking to make such entry identify themselves, their affiliation with the utility, and the purpose of their entry.

All customers or service applicants shall provide access to meters and utility cutoff valves at all times reasonably necessary to conduct ordinary utility business and after normal business hours as needed to protect and preserve the integrity of the public drinking water supply.

#### Section 2.09 - Meter Requirements, Readings, and Testing

One meter is required for each residential, commercial, or industrial connection. All water sold by the utility will be billed based on meter measurements. The utility will provide, install, own and maintain meters to measure amounts of water consumed by its customers.

Meters will be read at monthly intervals and as nearly as possible on the corresponding day of each monthly meter reading period unless otherwise authorized by the Commission.

Meter tests. The utility will, upon the request of a customer, and, if the customer so desires, in his or her presence or in that of his or her authorized representative, make without charge a test of the accuracy of the customer's meter. If the customer asks to observe the test, the test will be made during the utility's normal working hours at a time convenient to the customer. Whenever possible, the test will be made on the customer's premises, but may, at the utility's discretion, be made at the utility's testing facility. If within a period of two years the customer requests a new test, the utility will make the test, but if the meter is found to be within the accuracy standards established by the American Water Works Association, the utility will charge the customer a fee which reflects the cost to test the meter up to a maximum \$25 for a residential customer. Following the completion of any requested test, the utility will promptly advise the customer of the date of removal of the meter, the date of the test, the result of the test, and who made the test.

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# Section 2.10 - Billing

#### (A) Regular Billing

Bills from the utility will be mailed monthly unless otherwise authorized by the Commission. The due date of bills for utility service will be at least sixteen (16) days from the date of issuance. The postmark

# SECTION 2.0 - SERVICE RULES AND POLICIES (CONT.)

on the bill or, if there is no postmark on the bill, the recorded date of mailing by the utility will constitute proof of the date of issuance. Payment for utility service is delinquent if full payment, including late fees and the regulatory assessment, is not received at the utility or the utility's authorized payment agency by 5:00 p.m. on the due date. If the due date falls on a holiday or weekend, the due date for payment purposes will be the next workday after the due date.

#### (B) Late Fees

A late penalty of either \$5.00 or 10.0% will be charged on bills received after the due date. The penalty on delinquent bills will not be applied to any balance to which the penalty was applied in a previous billing. The utility must maintain a record of the date of mailing to charge the late penalty.

#### (C) Information on Bill

Each bill will provide all information required by the TNRCC Rules. For each of the systems it operates, the utility will maintain and note on the monthly bill a local or toll-free telephone number (or numbers) to which customers can direct questions about their utility service.

(D) <u>Prorated Bills</u> - If service is interrupted or seriously impaired for 24 consecutive hours or more, the utility will prorate the monthly base bill in proportion to the time service was not available to reflect this loss of service.

#### Section 2.11- Payments

All payments for utility service shall be delivered or mailed to the utility's business office. If the business office fails to receive payment prior to the time of noticed disconnection for non-payment of a delinquent account, service will be terminated as scheduled. Utility service crews shall not be allowed to collect payments on customer accounts in the field.

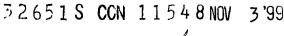
Payment of an account by any means that has been dishonored and returned by the payor or payee's bank, shall be deemed to be delinquent. All returned payments must be redeemed with cash or valid money order. If a customer has two returned payments within a twelve month period, the customer shall be required to pay a deposit if one has not already been paid.

Section 2.12 - Service Disconnection



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Utility service may be disconnected if the bill has not been paid in full by the date listed on the termination notice. The termination date must be at least 10 days after the notice is mailed or hand delivered.

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

# SECTION 2.0 - SERVICE RULES AND POLICIES (CONT.)

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 of termination has been given.

Notice of termination must be a separate mailing or hand delivery in accordance with the TNRCC Rules.

# (B) <u>Without Notice</u>

Utility service may also be disconnected without notice for reasons as described in the TNRCC Rules.

# Section 2.13 - Reconnection of Service

Utility personnel must be available during normal business hours to accept payments on the day service is disconnected and the following day unless service was disconnected at the customer's request or due to a hazardous condition.

Service will be reconnected within 24 hours after the past due bill, reconnect fees and any other outstanding charges are paid or the conditions which caused service to be disconnected are corrected.

# Section 2.14 - Service Interruptions

The utility will make all reasonable efforts to prevent interruptions of service. If interruptions occur, the utility will re-establish service within the shortest possible time. Except for momentary interruptions due to automatic equipment operations, the utility will keep a complete record of all interruptions, both emergency and scheduled and will notify the Commission in writing of any service interruptions affecting the entire system or any major division of the system lasting more than four hours. The notice will explain the cause of the interruptions.

# Section 2.15 - Quality of Service

The utility will 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. Unless otherwise authorized by the Commission, the utility will maintain facilities as described in the Texas Natural Resource Conservation Commission Rules and Regulations for Public Water Systems.

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# Section 2.16 - Customer Complaints and Disputes

If a customer or applicant for service lodges a complaint, the utility will promptly make a suitable investigation and advise the complainant of the results. Service will not be disconnected pending completion of the investigation. If the complainant is dissatisfied with the utility's response, the utility must advise the complainant that he has recourse through the Texas Natural Resource Conservation Commission

# SECTION 2.0 - SERVICE RULES AND POLICIES (CONT.)

complaint process. Pending resolution of a complaint, the commission may require continuation or restoration of service.

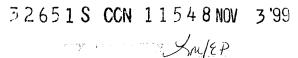
The utility will maintain a record of all complaints which shows the name and address of the complainant, the date and nature of the complaint and the adjustment or disposition thereof, for a period of two years after the final settlement of the complaint.

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

Section 2.17 - Customer Liability

Customer shall be liable for any damage or injury to utility-owned property shown to be caused by the customer.

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# SECTION 3.0 - EXTENSION POLICY

# Section 3.01 - Standard Extension Requirements

# LINE EXTENSION AND CONSTRUCTION CHARGES.

# NO CONTRIBUTION IN AID OF CONSTRUCTION MAY BE REQUIRED OF ANY CUSTOMER EXCEPT AS PROVIDED FOR IN THIS APPROVED EXTENSION POLICY.

The customer will be given an itemized statement of the costs, options such as rebates to the customer, sharing of construction costs between the utility and the customer, or sharing of costs between the customer and other applicants prior to beginning construction.

Unless an exception is granted by the TNRCC's Executive Director, the residential service applicant shall not be required to pay for costs of main extensions greater than 2" in diameter for water distribution and pressure wastewater collection lines and 6" in diameter for gravity wastewater lines.

Exceptions may be granted by the TNRCC Executive Director if

- adequate service cannot be provided to the applicant using the maximum line sizes listed due to distance or elevation, in which case, it shall be the utility's burden to justify that a larger diameter pipe is required for adequate service;
- or larger minimum line sizes are required under subdivision platting requirements or building codes of municipalities within whose corporate limits or extraterritorial jurisdiction the point of use is located; or the residential service applicant is located outside the CCN service area.

If an exception is granted, the Utility shall establish a proportional cost plan for the specific extension or a rebate plan which may be limited to seven years to return the portion of the applicant's costs for oversizing as new customers are added to ensure that future applicants for service on the line pay at least as much as the initial service applicant.

The utility shall bear the cost of any over-sizing of water distribution lines or waste water collection lines necessary to serve other potential service applicants for customers in the immediate area.

For purposes of determining the costs that service applicants shall pay, commercial customers with service demands greater than residential customer demands in the certificated area, industrial, and wholesale customers shall be treated as developers. A service applicant requesting a one inch meter for a lawn sprinkler system to service a residential lot is not considered nonstandard service.

If an applicant requires service other than the standard service provided by the utility, such applicant will be required to pay all expenses incurred by the utility in excess of the expenses that would be incurred in

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#### SECTION 3.0 - EXTENSION POLICY (CONT.)

providing the standard service and connection beyond 200 feet and throughout his property including the cost of all necessary transmission facilities.

Residential customers will be charged the equivalent of the costs of extending service to their property from the nearest transmission or distribution line even if that line does not have adequate capacity to serve the customer. However, if the customer places unique, non-standard service demands upon the system, the customer may be charged the additional cost of extending service to and throughout their property, including the cost of all necessary transmission and storage facilities necessary to meet the service demands anticipated to be created by that property.

#### Section 3.02 - Costs Utilities Shall Bear

The utility will bear the full cost of any oversizing of water mains necessary to serve other customers in the immediate area. The individual residential customer shall not be charged for any additional production, storage, or treatment facilities. Contributions in aid of construction <u>may not be required</u> of individual residential customers for production, storage, treatment or transmission facilities unless otherwise approved by the Commission under this specific extension policy.

Within its certificate area, the utility will pay the cost of the first 200 feet of any water main or distribution line necessary to extend service to an individual residential customer within a platted subdivision. However, if the residential customer requesting service purchased the property after the developer was notified of the need to provide facilities to the utility, the utility may charge for the first 200 feet. The utility must also be able to document that the developer of the subdivision refused to provide facilities in accordance with the utility's approved extension policy after receiving a written request from the utility.

The Utility is not required to extend service to any applicant outside of its certificated service area and will only do so under terms and conditions mutually agreeable to the Utility and the applicant, in compliance with TNRCC rules and policies, and upon extension of the Utility's certificated service area boundaries by the TNRCC.

#### Section 3.03 - Contributions in Aid of Construction

Developers may be required to provide contributions in aid of construction in amounts sufficient to furnish the development with all facilities necessary to provide for reasonable local demand requirements and to comply with Texas Natural Resource Conservation Commission minimum design criteria for facilities used in the production, transmission, pumping, or treatment of water or Texas Natural Resource Conservation Commission minimum requirements. For purposes of this subsection, a developer is one who subdivides or requests more than two meters on a piece of property. Commercial, industrial, and wholesale customers will be treated as developers.

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# SECTION 3.0 - EXTENSION POLICY (CONT.)

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 Natural Resource Conservation Commission minimum design criteria for water production, treatment, pumping, storage and transmission.

Any service extension to a subdivision (recorded or unrecorded) may be subject to the provisions and restrictions of 30 TAC 291.86(d). 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 for facilities which must be committed to such extension compliant with the Texas Natural Resource Conservation Commission minimum design criteria. As provided by 30 T.A.C. 291.85(e)(3), for purposes of this section, commercial, industrial, and wholesale customers shall be treated as developers.

#### Section 3.04 - Appealing Connection Costs

The imposition of additional extension costs or charges as provided by Sections 3.0 - Extension Policy of this tariff shall be subject to appeal as provided in this tariff, TNRCC rules, or the rules of such other regulatory authority as may have jurisdiction over the utility's rates and services. Any applicant required to pay for any costs not specifically set forth in the rate schedule pages of this tariff shall be given a written explanation of such costs prior to payment and/or commencement of construction. If the applicant does not believe that these costs are reasonable or necessary, the applicant shall be informed of the right to appeal such costs to the TNRCC or such other regulatory authority having jurisdiction over the utility's rates in that portion of the utility's service area in which the applicant's property(ies) is located.

#### Section 3.05 - Applying for Service

The Utility will provide a written service application form to the applicant for each request for service received by the Utility's business offices. A separate application shall be required for each potential service location if more than one service connection is desired by any individual applicant. Service application forms will be available at the Utility's business office during normal weekday business hours. Service applications will be sent by prepaid first class United States mail to the address provided by the applicant upon request. Completed applications should be returned by hand delivery in case there are questions which might delay fulfilling the service request. Completed service applications may be submitted by mail if hand delivery is not possible.

Where a new tap or service connection is required, the service applicant shall be required to submit a written service application and request that a tap be made. The tap request must be accompanied with a diagram, map, plat, or written metes and bounds description of precisely where the applicant desires each tap or service connection is to be made and, if necessary, where the meter is to be installed, along the applicant's property line. The actual point of connection and meter installation must be readily accessible

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to Utility personnel for inspection, servicing, and meter reading while being reasonably secure from damage by vehicles and mowers. If the Utility has more than one main adjacent to the service applicant's

#### SECTION 3.0 - EXTENSION POLICY (CONT.)

property, the tap or service connection will be made to the Utility's nearest service main with adequate capacity to service the applicant's full potential service demand. Beyond the initial 200 feet, the customer shall bear only the equivalent cost of extending from the nearest main. If the tap or service connection cannot be made at the applicant's desired location, it will be made at another location mutually acceptable to the applicant and the Utility. If no agreement on location can be made, the applicant may refer the matter to the TNRCC for resolution.

#### Section 3.06 - Qualified Service Applicant

A "qualified service applicant" is an applicant who has: (1) met all of the Utility's requirements for service contained in this tariff, TNRCC rules and/or TNRCC order, (2) has made payment or made arrangement for payment of tap fees, (3) has provided all necessary easements and rights-of-way necessary to provide service to the requested location, (4) delivered an executed customer service inspection certificate to the Utility, if applicable, and (5) has executed a customer service application for each location to which service is being requested.

The Utility shall serve each qualified service applicant within its certificated service area as soon as practical after receiving a completed service application. All service requests will be fulfilled within the time limits prescribed by TNRCC rules once the applicant has met all conditions precedent to achieving "qualified service applicant" status. If a service request cannot be fulfilled within the required period, the applicant shall be notified in writing of the delay, its cause and the anticipated date that service will be available. The TNRCC service dates shall not become applicable until the service applicant has met all conditions precedent to becoming a qualified service applicant as defined by TNRCC rules.

#### Section 3.07 - Developer Requirements

As a condition of service to a new subdivision, the Utility shall require a developer (as defined by TNRCC rule) to provide permanent recorded public utility easements as a condition of service to any location within the developer's property.

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## Chapter 290.47(b) Sample Service Agreement

#### SERVICE AGREEMENT

- I. PURPOSE. The NAME OF WATER SYSTEM is responsible for protecting the drinking water supply from contamination or pollution which could result from improper private water distribution system construction or configuration. The purpose of this service agreement is to notify each customer of the restrictions which are in place to provide this protection. The utility enforces these restrictions to ensure the public health and welfare. Each customer must sign this agreement before the NAME OF WATER SYSTEM will begin service. In addition, when service to an existing connection has been suspended or terminated, the water system will not re-establish service unless it has a signed copy of this agreement.
- II. RESTRICTIONS. The following unacceptable practices are prohibited by State regulations.
  - A. No direct connection between the public drinking water supply and a potential source of contamination is permitted. Potential sources of contamination shall be isolated from the public water system by an air-gap or an appropriate backflow prevention device.
  - B. No cross-connection between the public drinking water supply and a private water system is permitted. These potential threats to the public drinking water supply shall be eliminated at the service connection by the installation of an air-gap or a reduced pressure-zone backflow prevention device.
  - C. No connection which allows water to be returned to the public drinking water supply is permitted.
  - D. No pipe or pipe fitting which contains more than 8.0% lead may be used for the installation or repair of plumbing at any connection which provides water for human use.
  - E. No solder or flux which contains more than 0.2% lead can be used for the installation or repair of plumbing at any connection which provides water for human use.
- III. SERVICE AGREEMENT. The following are the terms of the service agreement between the NAME OF WATER SYSTEM (the Water System) and NAME OF CUSTOMER (the Customer).
  - A. The Water System will maintain a copy of this agreement as long as the Customer and/or the premises is connected to the Water System.
  - B. The Customer shall allow his property to be inspected for possible cross-connections and other potential contamination hazards. These inspections shall be conducted by the Water System or its designated agent prior to initiating new water service; when there is reason to believe that cross-connections or other potential contamination hazards exist; or after any major changes to the private water distribution facilities. The inspections shall be conducted during the Water System's normal business hours.

C. The Water System shall notify the Customer in writing of any cross-connection or other potential contamination hazard which has been identified during the initial inspection or the periodic reinspection.

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- D. The Customer shall immediately remove or adequately isolate any potential crossconnections or other potential contamination hazards on his premises.
- E. The Customer shall, at his expense, properly install, test, and maintain any backflow prevention device required by the Water System. Copies of all testing and maintenance records shall be provided to the Water System.
- IV. ENFORCEMENT. If the Customer fails to comply with the terms of the Service Agreement, the Water System shall, at its option, either terminate service or properly install, test, and maintain an appropriate backflow prevention device at the service connection. Any expenses associated with the enforcement of this agreement shall be billed to the Customer.

CUSTOMER'S SIGNATURE:\_\_\_\_\_ DATE:\_\_\_\_\_

# H2 SYSTEMS PLUS, INC.

517 Chukar Dr. Victoria, Texas 77905-0590

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DROUGHT CONTINGENCY PLAN FOR THE INVESTOR OWNED UTILITY JAMES R. MAIB, INC d.b.a. H2O SYSTEMS PLUS, INC. 517 CHUKAR DRIVE VICTORIA, TEXAS 77905 CCN # 11548 PWS # 2350036 JULY 7, 2000

I <u>Cendy</u> <u>Burger</u> being the responsible official for James R. Maib, Inc., d.b.a. H2O Systems Plus, Inc request a minor tariff amendment to include the enclosed Drought Contingency Plan.

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Office: (361) 574-8876 · Fax: (361) 578-478 QVED TARIFF BY July 19

# DROUGHT CONTINGENCY PLAN FOR THE INVESTOR OWNED UTILITY JAMES R. MAIB, INC. d.b.a. H20 SYSTEMS PLUS, INC. JULY 7, 2000

H2O Systems Plus, Inc.'s Drought Contingency Plan for the Coleto Water Company is explained in this packet. The drought contingency plan is to attempt to distribute water adequately to each resident/customer, even during times when the supply may be lowered due to weather conditions and/or mechanical failures. Please keep this information for your reference. Become familiar with the enclosed drought contingency plan and please comply with the stages in the event they must be implemented.

H20 Systems, Plus, Inc.'s three (3) stage Drought Contingency Plan has incorporated color-coded signs in the customer notification policy.

The three (3) stages of the drought contingency plan are:

STAGE	COLOR		
<u>REFERENCE</u>	CODE	<b>ACTION</b>	<b>RESTRICTIONS</b>
A. STAGE ONE (1)	GREEN	VOLUNTARY	NONE
B. STAGE TWO (2)	YELLOW	OUTSIDE USE	10 PM -5AM ONLY
C. STAGE THEE (3)	RED	OUTSIDE USE	PROHIBITED

Major entrances and access roads will have color coded signs to designate the **CURRENT STAGE** in effect. Please watch for sign changes. A map showing the sign locations in included in this package. Written notice will be provided to each customer prior to implementation or termination of each stage of the water restriction program. Mailed notices must be given to each customer 72 hours prior to the start of water restrictions. If notice is hand delivered, the utility can not enforce the provisions of the plan for 24 hours after the notice is provided. The written notice to customers must contain the following information:

- a). the date restrictions will begin
- b). the circumstances that triggered the restrictions,
- c). the stages of response and explanation of the restrictions to be implemented and
- d). an explanation of the consequences for violations.

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Signs will be posted at the following intersections:

- 1. Royal Oak and Coleto Drive
- 2. Royal Oak and Holly Lane

Your cooperation is the key to the success or failure of the drought contingency plan. Please set a good example by encouraging your neighbors to adhere to restrictions. If everyone complies, no family should be without water for basic needs at any time.

Any questions should be directed to H20 Systems Plus, Inc.'s office at 361-574-8876 or in person at 517 Chukar Drive, from 8:00a.m. to 5:00p.m. Monday thru Friday.

# 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 may 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.
  - b. After written notice, the utility may discontinue service at the meter for 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.

# **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 discriminate in granting exemptions and variances.

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CCN 11548 NOV 10'00 APPROVED TARIFF BY Smith 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 -- GREEN SIGN**

Stage I will begin:

Every April 1st, the utility will mail a public announcement to its customers.

Stage I will end:

Every September 30th, the utility will mail a public announcement to its customers.

Voluntary Water Use Restrictions:

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

# STAGE II-MANDATORY WATER CONSERVATION--YELLOW SIGN

The utility will implement Stage II when any one of these selected triggers is reached:

Supply-Based Triggers:

- o Overnight recovery rate is below 4 feet.
- o Total daily demand is 75% of pumping capacity.
- o The pump runs more than 10 hours a day.

Requirements for termination:

Stage II of this plan will 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 II, Stage I becomes operative.

Supply Management Measures;

Visually inspect lines and repair leaks on a daily basis and reduce flushing to only dead end mains.

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CCN 11548 NOV 10'00 APPROVED TARIFF BY Smith B Voluntary Water Use Restrictions:

1. Restricted hours: Outside watering is allowed daily, but only during periods specifically described in the customer notice; between the hours of 10:00 P.M. and 5:00 A.M.

# **STAGE III--CRITICAL WATER USE RESTRICTIONS--RED SIGN**

The utility will implement Stage III when any of the following triggers are reached:

o Overnight recovery is below 2 feet

o Minimum water pressure of 32 psi can be maintained throughout the system. o the pumps run more than 15 hours a day.

o any equipment failures, power outage or flood.

Requirements for termination:

Stage III 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 III, Stage II becomes operative.

Utility Management Measures: Visually inspect lines and repair leaks on a daily basis and terminate all flushing.

Water Use Restrictions for Stage III:

- Irrigation of landscaped areas with hose-end sprinklers or automatic irrigation 1 system is prohibited.
- Use of water to wash any motor vehicle, motorbike, boat, trailer, airplane, or 2. other vehicle is prohibited.
- Use of water to fill refill, or add to any indoor or outdoor swimming pool, 3. wading pool or "Jacuzzi" type pools is prohibited.
- Operation of any ornamental fountain or pond for aesthetic or scenic purpose 4. is prohibited.
- The following use of water are defined as non-essential and are prohibited: 5.

wash down of any sidewalks, walkways, driveways, parking lots, and a. tennis courts, or other hard-surfaced areas, TEXAS NATURAL RESOURCE CONSERVATION CUMMISSION

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

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- c. use of water for dust control.
- d. flushing gutters or permitted water to run or accumulate in any gutter or street.
- e. failure to repair a controllable leak within a reasonable period after having been given notice directing the repair of such leak.
- f. any waste of water.

Utility Management Suggestions for Customers:

- 1. The use of reclaimed water for non-potable purposes.
- 2. Suggesting customers install low-flow fixtures in homes.
- 3. Use of some type of water restrictors.

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#### WATER UTILITY TARIFF FOR

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James R. Maib dba H2O Systems Plus, Inc. (Utility Name)

Victoria, Texas 77904-2410 (City, State, Zip Code) 102 Manassas Loop (Business Address)

<u>361-655-6356</u> (Area Code/Telephone)

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

<u>11548</u>

This tariff is effective in the following county:

<u>Victoria</u>

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

N/A

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

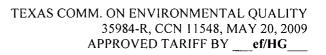
Coleto Water Company/ Shady Oaks Subdivision PWS ID # 2350036

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#### SECTION 1.0 -- RATE SCHEDULE

Section 1.01 - Rates

<u>Meter Size</u>	Monthly Minimum Charge	Gallonage Charge
5/8" or 3/4"	\$28.00 (Includes <u>0</u> gallons)	3.00 per 1000 gallons thereafter

FORM OF PAYMENT: The utility will accept the following forms of payment: Cash\_X\_, Check\_X\_, Money Order\_\_, 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

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

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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) ......
- b) Customer's request that service be disconnected ......<u>\$25.00</u>

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- 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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