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**WATER UTILITY TARIFF
FOR**

Sparta Oaks Water Corporation
(Utility Name)
Address)

P.O. Box 86
(Business

Belton, Texas 76513
(City, State, Zip Code)

(254) 939-1815
(Area Code/Telephone)

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

11513

This tariff is effective in the following county:

Bell

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

None

This tariff is effective in the following subdivisions or systems:

Sparta Oaks Water Corp. PWS #0140168

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Section 1.0

Definitions

- 1.01 Board of Directors or Board means the board of directors of the Corporation in accordance with the By-Laws of the Corporation.
- 1.02 Member, user, applicant, customer and consumer means a person who purchases water service.
- 1.03 Corporation means Sparta Oaks Water Corporation.
- 1.04 Commission means the Public Utility Commission of Texas.
- 1.05 Other Regulatory Agency means the Texas Department of Health Resources, United States Environmental Protection Agency, and such other agencies as may now or in the future exercise regulatory authority in the operation of the Corporation.
- 1.06 Service means the actual delivery of water to the customer and it includes any and all acts done, rendered, or performed in the delivery of water by the Corporation.

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Section 2

Statement of Utility Operation.

- 2.01 Statement of Organization. Sparta Oaks Water Corporation is a corporation incorporated under the Revised Civil Statutes of Texas of 1925, as amended, for the purpose of furnishing a water supply for general use to individuals in Bell County, Texas. Corporation operating policies, rates, tariffs and regulations are formulated and effected by a Board of Directors of the Corporation.
- 2.02 Statement of Non-Discrimination Policy -- Service of water is provided to all applicants who comply with the provisions of the tariff regardless of race, color, creed, sex or marital status.

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APPLICATION OF SPARTA OAKS WATER CORPORATION FOR A CERTIFICATE OF CONVENIENCE AND NECESSITY AND A RATE/TARIFF APPROVAL WITHIN BELL COUNTY

PUBLIC UTILITY COMMISSION
OF TEXAS

ORDER

In a public meeting at its offices in Austin, Texas, the Public Utility Commission of Texas finds that after proper statutory notice was given to the public and to interested parties, the above styled application was reviewed by a Hearings Examiner who prepared and filed a report containing Findings of Fact and Conclusions of Law, which Examiner's Report is adopted and made a part hereof. The Commission further issues the following Order:

1. Sparta Oaks Water Corporation is GRANTED a Certificate of Convenience and Necessity to provide water utility service to the service area within Bell County described in Finding of Fact No. 6 and is hereby assigned Certificate No. 11513 for its water utility service.
2. The Final Order as entered by the Commission in this matter shall constitute the Certificate of Convenience and Necessity for the Company until a formal certificate is issued by the Commission.
3. The certificate so issued is non-exclusive and is subject to amendment or revocation in whole or part by the Commission.
4. Sparta Oaks Water Corporation's tariff is APPROVED to the extent recommended by the Examiner.
5. The tariff's rates, consisting of a minimum charge of \$10.00 which includes the first 1000 gallons of water consumed and \$1.00 per 1000 gallons thereafter may be implemented beginning with the first full billing cycle occurring after the date this Order is signed.
6. Sparta Oaks Water Corporation shall maintain depreciation reserve accounts in accordance with the rates described in Finding of Fact No. 15.
7. All motions, requests, and applications not expressly granted herein are denied for want of merit.

RENDERED AT AUSTIN, TEXAS, on the 28th day of MARCH, 1979.

PUBLIC UTILITY COMMISSION OF TEXAS

SIGNED: _____

GEORGE M. COWDEN

SIGNED: _____

GARRETT MORRIS

SIGNED: _____

ALAN R. ERWIN

ATTEST:


PHILIP F. RICKETTS
SECRETARY OF THE COMMISSION

Tariff
clerk

DOCKET NOS. 2148 & 2172

APPLICATION OF SPARTA OAKS WATER
CORPORATION FOR A CERTIFICATE OF
CONVENIENCE AND NECESSITY WITHIN
BELL COUNTY

PUBLIC UTILITY COMMISSION
OF TEXAS

AND

APPLICATION OF SPARTA OAKS WATER
CORPORATION FOR A RATE/TARIFF CHANGE
WITHIN BELL COUNTY

INTERIM ORDER

On October 16, 1978, a pre-hearing was held in the above styled causes. The Examiner finds that Docket Nos. 2148 and 2172 involve common questions of law and/or fact, and that separate hearings on the two applications would result in unwarranted expense, delay or substantial injustice. It is therefore ORDERED that Docket Nos. 2148 and 2172 are hereby consolidated and assigned Docket No. 2172, styled Application of Sparta Oaks Water Corporation for a Certificate of Convenience and Necessity and a Rate/Tariff Change within Bell County.

On September 15, 1978, 439 Water Supply Corporation filed a Motion to Intervene in Docket No. 2148. Sparta Oaks Water Corporation had no objection. 439 Water Supply Corporation's Motion to Intervene is therefore GRANTED.

On September 29, 1978, Sparta Oaks Water Corporation filed an application for interim rate relief. Applicant currently has no charge for water utility service. During the test year, it had a negative \$2,591 cash flow. Its test year expenses included no salary and little maintenance and repair expense. Furthermore the Company has no cash. The Staff Economist testified that some relief is appropriate. The Company proposed interim rates in the amount of \$10.00 per month minimum charge for the first 1000 gallons of water consumed and \$1.00 per 1000 thereafter. George Dulany, the representative of Sparta Oaks, testified that a transfer of the system to 439 Water Supply Corporation had been negotiated, contingent on approval of FmHA. 439 Water Supply Corporation charges a \$12.00 minimum charge including 3000 gallons and \$1.00 per 1000 gallons thereafter. The Staff stated that the transfer of the system to 439 Water Supply Corporation would be facilitated by setting Sparta Oaks' interim rates at the level currently charged by 439 Water Supply Corporation. Mr. Dulany testified that, because no customers consume less than 3000 gallons per month, adopting the Staff's proposal instead of the Company's proposal would make no difference in the customer's rates. The Examiner finds that the facts warrant the the grant of interim rates pending final order in this proceeding. It is therefore ORDERED that for sales on or after November 1, 1978, Sparta Oaks Water Corporation is authorized to charge \$12.00 for the first 3000 gallons of water consumed and \$1.00 per 1000 thereafter until further order of the Commission. The interim rates authorized herein are subject to refund to the extent that the Commission may finally determine that they are excessive.

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ENTERED on the 17th day of October, 1978.

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PUBLIC UTILITY COMMISSION OF TEXAS

Grace B. Hopkins
GRACE B. HOPKINS
HEARINGS EXAMINER

APPROVED:

Philip F. Ricketts
PHILIP F. RICKETTS
DIRECTOR OF HEARINGS

PUBLIC UTILITY COMMISSION OF TEXAS	
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SPARTA OAKS WATER

CORPORATION

(Name of Water Utility)

Water Tariff

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Water Tariff Page 2SECTION A RATE SCHEDULE

First 1000 gallons	10.00 per month *
Next 1000 gallons thereafter	1.00 per 1000 gallons *
Reconnect Fee	35.00
Tap Fee	65.00
Meter deposit	50.00

*For each month in system or fractional part thereof.

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more data (all public notice provisions on the tariff change form must be followed).

SPARTA OAKS WATER CORPORATION
(Name of Water Utility)

SECTION B RULES AND REGULATIONS

3.01 New Taps and Services

- A. Corporation Water Main in Place on User Property. After proper application and receipt by the Corporation of tap fee, the Corporation shall effect the installation of a standard meter box and 3/4" water meter at a mutually agreed point not more than five feet in distance from the existing water distribution line.
- B. Payment of Due Amounts
Every applicant who previously has been a customer of the Corporation and whose service has been disconnected for non-payment of bills shall be required before service is rendered to pay all amounts due the Corporation provided in the event that the indebtedness of the applicant for service is in dispute the applicant shall be served upon complying with the deposit requirements equal to 1/6 of the estimated annual billings.
- C. Requests for Non Standard Service
If an applicant requires other than the standard service and meter provided by the Corporation, such applicant will be required to pay all expenses incurred by the Corporation in excess of the expense that would be incurred in providing the standard service and meter.
- D. Refusal of Service
- A. Compliance by applicant
The Corporation may decline to serve an applicant until such applicant has complied with the state and municipal regulations and approved rules and regulations of the Corporation on file with Commission governing the service applied for or for the following reasons:

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- (1) Applicant's facilities inadequate:
If the applicant's installation or equipment is known to be hazardous or of such character that satisfactory service cannot be given; or,
- (2) For indebtedness:
If the applicant is indebted to any utility for the same kind of service as that applied for provided in the event that the indebtedness of the applicant for service is in dispute the applicant shall be served upon complying with the deposit requirements equal to 1/6 of the estimated annual billings; or,
- (3) For refusal to make a deposit if applicant is required to make a deposit with the Corporation.

B. Applicant's Recourse

In the event that the Corporation shall refuse to serve an applicant under the provisions of these rules, the Corporation must inform the applicant of the basis of its refusal so that the applicant may file a complaint with the Commission thereon.

C. Insufficient Grounds for Refusal to Serve

The following shall not constitute sufficient cause for refusal of service to a present customer or applicant:

- (1) Delinquency in payment for service by a previous occupant of the premises to be served.
- (2) Failure to pay for merchandise, or charges for nonutility service purchased from the Corporation.

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- (3) Failure to pay a bill to correct previous underbilling due to misapplication of rates more than six months prior to the date of application.
- (4) Violation of the Corporation rules pertaining to operation of nonstandard equipment or unauthorized attachments which interferes with the service of others unless the customer has first been notified and been afforded reasonable opportunity to comply with said rules.
- (5) Failure to pay a bill of another customer as guarantor thereof, unless the guarantee was made in writing to the Corporation as a condition precedent to service.
- (6) Failure to pay the bill of another customer at the same address except where the change of customer identity is made to avoid or evade payment of a utility bill.

3.02 Billings

Bills for water service shall be rendered monthly unless service is rendered for a period of less than a month. Payment of a bill is due by the tenth (10th) of each month. A member's water service may be disconnected if the bill has not been paid by the fifteenth (15th) and if proper notice has been given. Proper notice shall consist of mailing a cut off notice on the fifteenth (15th) giving fifteen (15) days to pay the bill in full or service will be cut off and a \$35.00 reconnect fee plus payment of the delinquent bill will be charged to resume service. Bills shall be paid by mailing a check, money order, or cash to the address noted on the bill on a date that will insure receipt thru normal mail, of the payment by the utility on or before the due date.

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SPARTA OAKS WATER CORPORATION
(Name of Water Utility)

SECTION B RULES AND REGULATIONS

3.03 Disputed Bills

In the event of a dispute between the customer and the utility regarding any bill, the Corporation shall forthwith make such investigation as shall be required by the particular case, and report the results thereof to the customer.

3.04 Meter Test on Request of Customer

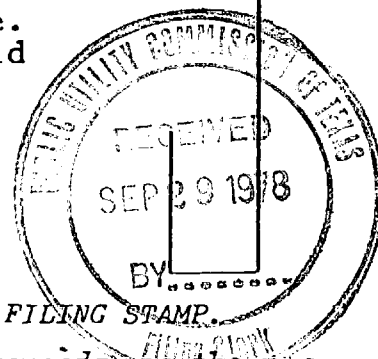
The Corporation shall, upon the request of a customer, and, if he so desires, in his presence or in that of his authorized representative, make without charge a test of the accuracy of the customer's meter. The test shall be made during the Corporation's normal working hours at a time convenient to the customer if he desires to observe the test. The test shall be made preferably on the customer's premises, but may, at the Corporation's discretion, be made at the Corporation's test laboratory. If the meter has been tested by the Corporation, or by an authorized agency, at the customer's request, and within a period of four years the customer requests a new test, the Corporation shall make the test, but if the meter is found to be within the accuracy standards established by the American Water Works Association, the Corporation

may charge the customer a fee which reflects the cost to test the meter, but this charge shall in no event be more than fifteen dollars (\$15.00) for a residential customer. Following the completion of any requested test, the Corporation shall 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.

3.05 Discontinuance of Service

A. The due date of the bill for utility service shall not be less than fifteen (15) days after issuance. A bill for utility service is delinquent if unpaid by the due date.

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- B. A customer's utility service may be disconnected if the bill has not been paid or a deferred payment agreement entered into within thirty-five (35) days from the date of issuance and if proper notice has been given. Proper notice is defined in 3.02.
- C. Utility service may be disconnected for any of the following reasons:
- (1) Failure to pay a delinquent account or failure to comply with the terms of a deferred payment agreement;
 - (2) Violation of the Corporation's rules pertaining to the use of service in a manner which interfered with the service of others or the operation of nonstandard equipment, if a reasonable attempt has been made to notify the customer and the customer is provided with a reasonable opportunity to remedy this situation;
 - (3) Without notice where a known dangerous condition exists for as long as the condition exists; and
 - (4) Tampering with the Corporation's meter or equipment or by passing the same.
- D. Utility service may not be disconnected for any of the following reasons:
- (1) Delinquency in payment for service by the previous occupant of the premises;
 - (2) Failure to pay for merchandise, or charges of nonutility service provided by the utility;

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- (3) Failure to pay for a different type or class of utility service unless fee for such service is included on the same bill;
- (4) Failure to pay the account of another customer as guarantor thereof, unless the Corporation has in writing the guarantee as a condition precedent to service;
- (5) Failure to pay charges arising from an under-billing occurring due to any misapplication of rates more than six months prior to the current billing;
- (6) Failure to pay charges arising from an under-billing due to any faulty metering, unless the meter has been tampered with or unless such underbilling charges are due under Commission Rule 052.02.04.047(e); and
- (7) Failure to pay an estimated bill other than a bill rendered pursuant to an approved meter reading plan, unless the Corporation is unable to read the meter due to circumstances beyond its control.

E. Unless a dangerous condition exists, or unless the customer requests disconnection, service shall not be disconnected on a day, or on a day immediately preceding a day, when personnel of the Corporation are not available to the public for the purpose of making collections and reconnecting service.

F. The Corporation may not abandon a customer or a certified service area without written notice to its customers therein and all similar neighboring utilities, and approval from the Commission.

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3.07 Bill Adjustment Due to Meter Error

If any meter is found to be outside of the accuracy standards established by the American Water Meter Association, proper correction shall be made of previous readings for the period of six months immediately preceding the removal of such meter from service for test, or from the time the meter was in service since last tested, but not exceeding six months, as the meter shall have been shown to be in error by such test, and adjusted bills shall be rendered. No refund is required from the Corporation except to the customer last served by the meter prior to the testing. If a meter is found not to register for any period unless bypassed or tampered with the Corporation shall make a charge for units used, but not metered, for a period not to exceed three months based on amounts used under similar conditions during periods preceding or subsequent thereto, or during corresponding periods in previous years.

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SPARTA OAKS WATER CORPORATION
(Name of Water Utility)

SECTION C EXTENSION POLICY

No contribution in aid of construction may be required of any customer except as provided for in the following extension policy, which must be a consistent, non-discriminatory policy which is subject to the approval of the Commission.

3.06 EXTENSION POLICY

Where service is requested requiring new construction of facilities not a part of a loan installation, such applicant shall be required to contribute the necessary capital for such construction. Such contributions in aid of construction to extend service shall be repaid by credits to meter billing, annually, for a period not to exceed 10 years, an amount calculated as follows:

<u>Return*</u>	X <u>Contribution</u>	X Annual Meter
Cost of Service*	Total investment in production and transmission	Billing

*at time of contribution

Such total sums credited shall not exceed such contributions in aid of construction.

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4.01

SERVICE AGREEMENT

AGREEMENT made this _____ day of _____, 19____, between SPARTA OAKS WATER _____ CORPORATION, a corporation organized under the laws of the State of Texas (hereinafter called the Corporation) and _____ (hereinafter called Applicant).

Witnesseth:

The Corporation agrees to sell and deliver water and/or sewer service to the Applicant and Applicant agrees to purchase and receive water and/or sewer service from the Corporation, in accordance with the rules and regulations of the Corporation as amended from time to time by the Corporation.

The Applicant shall pay the Corporation for service hereunder at the rates and upon the terms and conditions set forth in the rate schedule legally adopted from time to time by the Corporation's Board of Directors.

All water shall be metered by meters to be furnished and installed by the Corporation. The meter and/or connection is for the sole use of the applicant and is to serve water to only one dwelling or only one business, and appurtant uses, and does not permit the extension of pipe or pipes to transfer water from one property to another, nor share, resell, or sub-meter water to any other persons, dwelling, business, property, etc.

In the event the total water supply be insufficient to meet all of the needs of all users, or in the event there is a shortage of water the Corporation may prorate the water available among the various users on such basis as is deemed equitable by the Board of Directors, and may also prescribe a schedule of hours covering the use of water; provided that, if at any time the total water supply be insufficient to all of the needs of all users, the Corporation must first satisfy all of the needs of all users for domestic purposes before supplying any water for livestock purposes and must satisfy all the needs of the users for both domestic and livestock purposes before supplying any water for garden purposes.

The applicant shall install at his own expense a service line from the water meter and/or sewer connection to the point of use. Applicant shall receive prior approval from corporation for the proper location of connecting the applicant's service pipe to the corporation's facilities and applicant shall keep the service line in good repair. Applicant agrees not to connect any other water system to corporation's system.

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The applicant shall hold the Corporation harmless from any and all claims or demands for damage to real or personal property occurring from the point the applicant ties on to the sewer line and/or water meter to the final destination of the line installed by applicant. The applicant agrees to grant to the Corporation an easement of right-of-way for the purpose of installing, maintaining and operating such pipe lines, meters, valves, and any other equipment which may be deemed necessary for the Corporation on such form as is required by the Corporation.

The Corporation shall have access to applicant's premises at all reasonable times for any purpose connected with or in the furtherance of its business operations to ascertain proper usage of Corporation's service.

Applicant

ACCEPTED AND APPROVED

SPARTA OAKS WATER

CORPORATION

President

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APPENDIX

4.03 Billing Card

Mail All Payments To: SPARTA OAKS WATER CORP. P. O. Box 86 Belton, Texas 76513 Office - 939-1815 Main. 939-5781				Enclose this STUB with your payment Remit by Mail Date Code Amount	
Meter Readings					
Previous	Present	Gals Used	Amount		
_____ to _____					
<p>\$2.00 penalty will be charged on all bills not paid by the <u>15th</u> of the month following billing and if not paid by the <u>20th</u>, service will be disconnected. There will be a charge of \$35.00 in addition to bill to restore service.</p>					

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APPENDIX

Water Tariff
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SPARTA OAKS WATER CORPORATION
BELTON, TEXAS

DEFERRED PAYMENT PLAN

1. This agreement between CUSTOMER and SPARTA OAKS WATER CORPORATION (CORPORATION) is to enter into a deferred payment plan for residential accounts for the purpose of payment of the outstanding account of the CUSTOMER which shall provide for payment of current bills and a reasonable amount for the outstanding bill and the consideration of the acceptance by the CORPORATION of such deferred payment plan, the CUSTOMER agrees to pay reasonable installments until the outstanding bill is paid.
2. The said CUSTOMER began using water service of said CORPORATION on or about _____, and has continued such use to the date hereof.
3. Information has been furnished CUSTOMER by CORPORATION of sufficient validity that CUSTOMER recognizes and agrees that the outstanding bill to be included in the deferred payment plan is \$_____, which outstanding bill shall be paid in equal monthly installments with current bills for _____ months, with balance of \$_____ due the next month, without interest.
4. The reason this bill is outstanding is because the said CORPORATION has not rendered any billings from the initial use until the approval of its Tariff by its rate tariff by the Public Utility Commission of Texas.
5. Customer admits and recognizes that he has received valuable consideration from the CORPORATION and feels that such outstanding bill is justified.

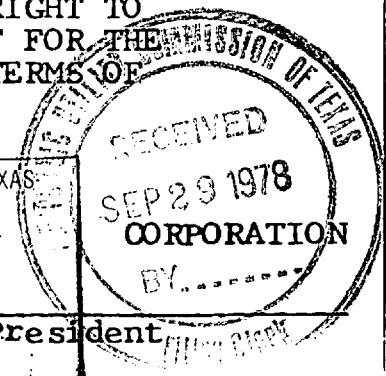
CUSTOMER

IF YOU ARE NOT SATISFIED WITH THIS AGREEMENT, DO NOT SIGN.
IF YOU DO SIGN THIS AGREEMENT, YOU GIVE UP YOUR RIGHT TO
DISPUTE THE AMOUNT DUE UNDER THE AGREEMENT EXCEPT FOR THE
UTILITIES FAILURE OR REFUSAL TO COMPLY WITH THE TERMS OF
THIS AGREEMENT.

Signed this the ____ day of August, 1978

Customer

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Date _____
\$ _____

SPARTA OAKS WATER CORPORATION

by _____

APPLICATION FOR WATER SERVICE

Date _____

Name _____ Age _____ Spouses's Name _____
Address _____ Spouses's Age _____
Telephone No. _____

Amount \$

Residential

Commercial

UTILITIES USED WITHIN 24 MONTHS: (Company Name and address)

WATER

SEWER.

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

TEXAS COMM. ON ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY

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SPARTA OAKS WATER CORPORATION

P.O. Box 86

Belton, Texas 76513

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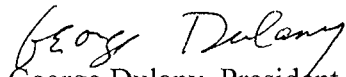
May 23, 2005

Water Supply Division, MC 160
Texas Commission on Environmental Quality
P.O. Box 13087
Austin, Texas 78711-3087

Dear Sirs:

Pursuant to Title 30, Texas Administrative Code, Chapter 288, enclosed herewith is a copy of the Drought Contingency Plan-Sparta Oaks Water Corporation, CCN#11513. Please advise if further information is desired.

Very truly yours,


George Dulany, President

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Drought Contingency Plan for an Investor Owned Utility

Texas Commission on Environmental Quality

Sparta Oaks Water Corporation
(Name of Utility)

P.O. Box 86, Belton, Texas, 76513
(Address, City, Zip Code)

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(PWS #s)

May 1, 2005
(Date)

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 a water system does not meet the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality's (TCEQ) capacity requirements under normal conditions **or** if the utility fails to take all immediate and necessary steps to replace or repair malfunctioning equipment.

I, George Dulany (print name), being the responsible official for Sparta Oaks Water Corporation (Name of utility), **request a minor tariff amendment to include the enclosed Drought Contingency Plan.**

George Dulany President
(Signature) **GEORGE DULANY**

5-2-05
(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: _____ Time: _____ Location: _____

☐ *mailed survey with summary of results. (attach survey and results)*

☒ *bill insert inviting comment. (attach bill insert)*

☐ *other method* _____

Section 3 Public Education

The Sparta Oaks Water Corp. (*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*

☒ *utility bill inserts*

☐ *other* _____

Section 4 Coordination with Regional Water Planning Groups

The service area of the Sparta Oaks Water Corp. (*name of your utility*) is located within:

Regional Water Planning Group (RWPG) 9

Sparta Oaks Water Corp. (*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 must notify in writing the Public 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.
 - b. 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

TARGET-Achieve a 1/3 % reduction in DAILY WATER DEMAND. (example, total water use, daily water demand, etc.)

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 if system uses 1 1/2 normal usage.

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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 1 1/2 - 2 %
- ☐ Total daily demand as % of storage capacity _____ %
- ☐ Pump hours per day _____ hrs.
- ☒ Production or distribution limitations.
- ☒ 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 n/a (name of utility) is:
(check one)

- ☐ Other well
- ☐ Inter-connection with other system
- ☒ Purchased water
- ☐ Other _____

Voluntary Water Use Restrictions:

1. Restricted Hours: Outside watering is allowed daily, but only during periods specifically described in the customer notice; between 10:00 PM and 5:00 AM for example; **OR**
2. 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 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.

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

STAGE III-MANDATORY WATER USE RESTRICTIONS

TARGET-Achieve a 50 % reduction in DAILY WATER DEMAND. (example, total water use, daily water demand, etc.)

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 when supplier shuts down

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 1 1/2 - 2 %
- ☐ 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 regular 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 RESTRICTION.

TARGET-Achieve 75 % reduction in DAILY WATER DEMAND. (example, total water use, daily water demand, etc.)

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.)
- ☐ Overnight recovery rate reaches _____ ft.
- ☐ Reservoir elevation reaches _____ ft. (m.s.l.)
- ☐ Stream flow reaches _____ cfs at USGS gage # _____
- ☒ Wholesale supplier's drought Stage 4 _____
- ☒ Supply contamination.
- ☐ Other _____

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 _____ %
- ☐ Total daily demand as % of storage capacity _____ %
- ☐ Pump hours per day _____ hrs.
- ☒ Production or distribution limitations.
- ☒ System outage.
- ☐ Other _____

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.

SYSTEM OUTAGE or SUPPLY CONTAMINATION

Notify TNRCC Regional Office immediately.

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Date: MAY 7 2005

Customer:

Sparta Oaks Water Corporation is required to file a Drought Contingency Plan with the Texas Natural Resource Conservation Commission. System water is supplied by the Water Control and Improvement District #1, through the main water supply line serving the City of Belton. The Drought Contingency Plan is required to be filed even though there have been no problems for the 25 years of its operation. The Drought Contingency Plan of the water corporation is on file at the office of George Dulany, 114 S. East Street, Belton, Texas, for your review. Please come by Monday through Friday, 8:00 a.m. through 5:00 p.m., except for the noon hour, to review a copy and give your input on the plan. The Drought Contingency Plan will be sent to the TNRCC on or after 15 days from the date of this notice.

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