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**WATER UTILITY TARIFF
FOR**

Harper Water Company, Inc.
(Utility Name)

P.O. Box 216
(Business Address)

Harper, Texas 78631
(City, State, Zip Code)

830-864-4024
(Area Code Telephone)

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

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This tariff is effective in the following counties

Kerr & Gillespie

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

N/A

This tariff is effective in the following subdivisions or systems

Guadalupe Heights Utility Company
(PWS #1330009)

Aqua Vista Utilities Company
(PWS #1330062) 1330062

West Oak Heights
(PWS #0860100)

Deerwood Subdivision
(PWS #0860098) 0860098

Northwest Hills Water Supply
Northwest Hills Unit II
(PWS #0860086)

Harper Road Estates
Harper Road Estates Mobile Home Village
(PWS #0860085) 0860085

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Morris Harper dba Harper Water Company
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Kerr: Guadalupe Heights (PWS #1330009), Aqua Vista (PWS #1330062) and Royal Highlands; Gillespie: West Oak Heights (PWS #0860100), Northwest Hill and Northwest Hills Unit II (PWS #0860086), Harper Road Estates (PWS #0860005), and Harper Road Estates Mobile Home Village, Deerwood (PWS #0860098) and adjacent areas in each county.

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SECTION 1.0-RATE SCHEDULE

Section 1.01 - Rates

<u>Meter Size</u>	<u>Monthly Minimum Charge</u>	<u>Gallonge Charge</u> (per 1,000 gallons)
5/8" or 3/4"	<u>\$25.00</u> (Includes 0 gallons)	<u>\$1.75</u> for 1 to 10,000 gallons
1"	<u>\$41.75</u>	<u>\$2.25</u> for 10,001 to 40,000 gallons
1 1/2"	<u>\$83.25</u>	<u>\$4.00</u> for over 40,000 gallons
2"	<u>\$133.25</u>	
3"	<u>\$250.00</u>	

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

Cash X, Check X, Money Order X, Credit Card _____, Other (specify) _____

THE UTILITY MAY REQUIRE EXACT CHANGE FOR PAYMENTS AND MAY REFUSE TO ACCEPT PAYMENTS MADE USING MORE THAN \$1.00 IN SMALL COINS. A WRITTEN RECEIPT WILL BE GIVEN FOR CASH PAYMENTS.

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

Section 1.02 - Miscellaneous Fees

TAP FEE \$250.00
TAP FEE COVERS THE UTILITY'S COSTS FOR MATERIALS AND LABOR TO INSTALL A STANDARD RESIDENTIAL 5/8" or 3/4" METER.

METER TEST FEE \$25.00
THIS FEE WHICH SHOULD REFLECT THE UTILITY'S COST MAY BE CHARGED IF A CUSTOMER REQUESTS A SECOND METER TEST WITHIN A TWO-YEAR PERIOD AND THE TEST INDICATES THAT THE METER IS RECORDING ACCURATELY. THE FEE MAY NOT EXCEED \$25.

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) \$25.00
b) Customer's request that service be disconnected \$45.00

TRANSFER FEE \$25.00
THE TRANSFER FEE WILL BE CHARGED FOR CHANGING AN ACCOUNT NAME AT THE SAME SERVICE LOCATION WHEN THE SERVICE IS NOT DISCONNECTED

LATE CHARGE (EITHER \$5.00 OR 10% OF THE BILL) \$5.00
TNRCC RULES ALLOW A ONE-TIME PENALTY TO BE CHARGED ON DELINQUENT BILLS. A LATE CHARGE MAY NOT BE APPLIED TO ANY BALANCE TO WHICH THE PENALTY WAS APPLIED IN A PREVIOUS BILLING.

RETURNED CHECK CHARGE \$25.00
RETURNED CHECK CHARGES MUST BE BASED ON THE UTILITY'S DOCUMENTABLE COST.

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

RATES LISTED ARE EFFECTIVE ONLY
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SECTION 2.0 - SERVICE RULES AND REGULATIONS

Section 2.01 - Texas Natural Resource Conservation Commission Rules

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 2.02 - Application for and Provision of 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) and will be signed by the applicant before water service is provided by the utility. A separate application or contract will be made for each service location.

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.

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

The customer will be responsible for furnishing and laying the necessary customer service pipe from the meter location to the place of consumption. Customers may be required to install a customer owned cut-off valve on the customer's side of the meter or connection.

Section 2.03 - 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 a complaint may be filed with the Commission.

Section 2.04 - 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 of this tariff. The utility will keep records of the deposit and credit interest in accordance with TNRCC Rules.

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SECTION 2.0 - SERVICE RULES AND REGULATIONS (CONT.)

Section 2.04 - Customer Deposits (cont.)

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.

Section 2.05 - Meter Requirements, Readings, and Testing

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. One meter is required for each residential, commercial or industrial facility in accordance with the TNRCC Rules.

Service 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 2.0 - SERVICE RULES AND REGULATIONS (CONT.)

Section 2.06 - 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 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 work day after the due date.

A late penalty of either \$2.00 or 5.0% 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.

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 telephone number (or numbers) which may be reached by a local call by customers. At the utility's option, a toll-free telephone number or the equivalent may be provided.

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 2.07 - Service Disconnection

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 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.

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Section 2.07 - Service Disconnection (cont.)

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

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

Section 2.08 - Reconnection of Service

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

Section 2.09 - 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.

Prorated Bills - 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 2.10 - 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 TNRCC Rules or in the Texas Natural Resource Conservation Commission's "Rules and Regulations for Public Water Systems."

Section 2.11 - 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

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SECTION 2.0 - SERVICE RULES AND REGULATIONS (CONT.)

Section 2.11 - Customer Complaints and Disputes (cont.)

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 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.

SECTION 2.20 - SPECIFIC UTILITY SERVICE RULES AND REGULATIONS

This section contains specific utility service rules in addition to the rules previously listed under Section 2.0. It must be reviewed and approved by the Commission and in compliance with TNRCC Rules to be effective.

The utility adopts the administrative rules of the Texas Natural Resource Conservation Commission, as the same may be amended from time to time, as its company specific service rules and regulations. These rules will be kept on file at the company's offices for customer inspection during regular business hours.

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 check which has: insufficient funds in the account to cover it, upon which payment has been stopped, or which has not been signed, shall be deemed to be delinquent. All returned checks must be redeemed with cash or money order. If a customer has two returned checks within a twelve month period, the customer shall be required to pay a deposit if one has not already been paid and make future payments by cash or money order for a period of twelve months.

Customers shall not be allowed to use the utility's cutoff valve on the utility's side of the meter. Customers may install cutoff valves on their side of the meter and are encouraged to do so.

Customer shall be liable for any damage or injury to utility-owned property or personnel shown to be caused by the customer, his invitees, his agents, his employees, or others directly under his control.

Limitation on Product/Service Liability - Public water utilities are required to deliver water to the customer's side of the meter or service connection which meets the potability and pressure standards of the Texas Natural Resource Conservation Commission. The utility will not accept

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Liability for any injury or damage to individuals or their property occurring on the customer's side of the meter when the water delivered meets these state standards. The utility makes no representations or warranties (expressed or implied) that customer's appliances will not be damaged by disruptions of or fluctuations in water service whatever the cause. The utility will not accept liability for injuries or damages to persons or property due to disruption of water service caused by: (1) acts of God, (2) acts of third parties not subject to the control of the utility if the utility has undertaken such preventive measures as are required by TNRCC rules, (3) electrical power failures in water systems not required by TNRCC rule to have auxiliary power supplies, or (4) termination of water service pursuant to the utility's tariff and the TNRCC's rules. The utility is not required by law and does not provide fire prevention or fire fighting services. The utility therefore does not accept liability for fire-related injuries or damages to persons or property caused or aggravated by the availability (or lack thereof) of water or water pressure (or lack thereof) during fire emergencies. The utility will accept liability for any injury or damage to individuals or their property directly caused by defective utility plant (leaking water lines or meters) or the repairs to or construction of the utility's facilities.

If the services of a registered professional engineer are required as a result of an application for serviced received by the Utility for service to that applicant's service extension only, such engineer will be selected by the Utility and the applicant, and the applicant shall bear all expensed incurred therein.

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 providing the standard service and connection. Any applicant who places unique or non-standard service demands on the system may be required to provide contributions in aid of construction (as may be allowed by TNRCC rule) 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 applicant or existing customer required to pay for any costs not specifically set forth in the rate schedule pages of this tariff shall be entitled to a written explanation of such costs prior to 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 have 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 or existing customer's property(ies) is located.

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SECTION 2.20 - SPECIFIC UTILITY SERVICE RULES AND REGULATIONS (cont.)

The piping and other equipment on the premises furnished by the customer will be maintained by the customer at all times in conformity with the requirements of the TNRCC, state plumbing codes, and with the service rules and regulations of the utility. The customer will bring out his service line to his property line at the point on the customer's property mutually acceptable to the customer and the Utility subject to such requirements as may exist by TNRCC rule. No water service smaller than 5/8" will be connected. No pipe or pipe fitting which contains more than 8.0% lead can be used for the installation or repair of plumbing at any connection which provides water for human use. No solder or flux which contains more than 0.2% lead can be used at any connection which provides water for human use.

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

Except in cases where the customer has a contract with the utility for reserve or auxiliary service, no other water service will be used by the customer on the same installation in conjunction with the utility's service, either by means of a cross-over valve or any other connection. Customer shall not connect, or allow any other person or party to connect, onto any water lines on his premises. Two places shall not be permitted to be supplied with one service pipe where there is a water main abutting the premises; each shall have separate service lines and meters. For the purposes of this paragraph, each residence shall be construed to be one entity or consuming facility.

No connection shall be allowed which allows water to be returned to the public drinking water supply. No backflow prevention device shall be permitted to be installed in the customer's plumbing without notice to and written permission from the utility. Any backflow prevention devices so installed shall be inspected annually by a licensed backflow prevention device inspector or appropriately licensed plumber and a written report of such inspection delivered to the utility.

No application, agreement or contract for service may be assigned or transferred without the written consent of the utility.

SECTION 2.20 - SPECIFIC UTILITY SERVICE RULES AND REGULATIONS (cont.)

It is agreed and understood that any and all meters, water lines and other equipment furnished by the utility (excepting the customer's individual service lines from the point of connection to customer's structures on customer's premises) are and shall remain the sole property of the utility, and nothing contained herein shall be construed to reflect a sale or transfer of any such meters, lines or equipment to any customer. All tap and extension charges shall be for the privilege of connecting to said water lines and for installation, not purchase, of said meters and lines.

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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.

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 may not be required of individual residential customers for production, storage, treatment or transmission facilities unless otherwise approved by the Commission under this specific extension policy.

COST UTILITIES SHALL BEAR. 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 compatible with the utility's facilities in accordance with the utility's approved extension policy after receiving a written request from the utility.

Developers may be required to provide contributions in aid of construction in amounts to furnish the system with all facilities necessary to comply with the Texas Natural Resource Conservation Commission's "Rules and Regulations for Public Water Systems."

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SECTION 3.20 - SPECIFIC UTILITY EXTENSION POLICY

This section contains the utility's specific extension policy which complies with the requirements already stated under Section 3.01. It must be reviewed and approved by the Commission and in compliance with TNRCC Rules to be effective.

Residential customers not covered under Section 3.01 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 full 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.

Developers will 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.

The utility adopts the administrative rules of the Texas Natural Resource Conservation Commission, as amended from time to time, as its company specific extension policy. These rules will be kept on file at the company's business office for customer inspection during normal business hours.

When an individual residential applicant requires an extension of a main line beyond 200 feet, the charge to that applicant shall be the actual cost of such extension in excess of 200 feet, plus the applicable tap fee plus such other approved costs as may be provided in this tariff and/or TNRCC rules.

When a developer wishes to extend the system to prepare to service multiple new connections, the charge shall be the cost of such extension, plus a pro-rata charge based upon the capacities of production, transmission, storage, pumping and treatment facilities, compliant with the Texas Natural Resource Conservation Commission minimum design criteria, which must be committed to such extension. 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.

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.

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SECTION 3.20 - SPECIFIC UTILITY EXTENSION POLICY (cont.)

The imposition of additional extension costs or other charges as provided by Sections 2.20 and 3.20 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 entitled to 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 have 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. Unless the TNRCC or other regulatory authority enters interlocutory orders to the contrary, service to the applicant may be delayed until such appeal is resolved.

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Model Drought Contingency Plan

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DROUGHT CONTINGENCY PLAN FOR THE INVESTOR OWNED UTILITY

SURFACE WATER USES SECTION TNRCC

HARPER WATER CO. (Name of utility)

P.O. BOX 216 HARPER TX. 78631 (Address, City, Zip Code)

11421 (CCN#)

0860005, 0860100, 0860086, 0860098, 1330062, 1330009 (PWS #s)

8-28-2000 (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 water system does not meet the Texas Natural Resource Conservation Commission's (TNRCC) capacity requirements under normal conditions or if the utility fails to take all immediate and necessary steps to replace or repair malfunctioning equipment.

I MORRIS HARPER (Please print name), being the responsible official for HARPER WATER COMPANY (Name of utility), request a minor tariff amendment to include the enclosed Drought Contingency Plan.

(Signature)

8-28-2000 (Date)

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 HARPER WATER CO. (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 HARPER WATER CO (name of your utility) is located within:

Regional Water Planning Group (RWPG) K&J

HARPER WATER CO. (name of your utility) has mailed a copy of this Plan to the RWPG.

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.

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 I will begin:

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

No notice to TNRCC required.

Stage I will end:

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

No notice to TNRCC required.

Utility Measures:

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

Voluntary Water Use Restrictions:

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

STAGE II - VOLUNTARY WATER CONSERVATION:

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

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

- Well level reaches _____ ft. mean sea level (m.s.l.)
- Overnight recovery rate reaches _____ ft.
- Reservoir elevation reaches _____ ft. (m.s.l.)
- Stream flow reaches _____ cfs at USGS gage # _____
- Wholesale supplier's drought Stage 2 _____
- Other _____

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 80 %
- 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 _____ (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**

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:

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 _____

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 85 _____ %
- 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.

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:

- a. wash down of any sidewalks, walkways, driveways, parking lots, tennis courts, or other hard-surfaced areas;
- b. use of water to wash down buildings or structures for purposes other than immediate fire protection;
- c. use of water for dust control;
- d. flushing gutters or permitting water to run or accumulate in any gutter or street;
- e. failure to repair a controllable leak(s) within a reasonable period after having been given notice directing the repair of such leak(s); and
- f. Any waste of water.

STAGE IV - CRITICAL WATER USE RESTRICTIONS:

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

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

- Well level reaches _____ ft. (m.s.l.)
- 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 90 %
- 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.

Operational Measures:

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

Mandatory Water Use Restrictions: All outdoor use of water is prohibited.

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

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CONTRACT/APPLICATION FOR UTILITY SERVICE

1. Name of applicant: _____
Applicant is: landowner _____ tenant _____
Driver Lic. # _____ SS# _____
2. Address or location of requested service:

Subdivision: _____
Block: _____ Lot: _____
3. Name of person responsible for utility service bills:
Relationship: _____
Driver Lic. # _____ SS# _____
4. Billing address if different from #2:

5. Type of service: water _____
residential _____ permanent _____
commercial _____ temporary _____
industrial _____ temporary service termination _____
developer _____ date: _____
6. Customer deposit: Exempt from deposit _____
Amount paid _____ Date paid _____
Date returned _____ Amount returned _____
7. Date of application: _____
Date service to start: _____
Date service terminated: _____
8. Misc. fees required as a condition of service:
Type: _____
Amount: \$ _____ Refundable: Yes ___ No ___

CUSTOMER LIABILITY: Customer shall be liable for any damage or injury to utility-owned property or personnel shown to be caused by the customer, his invitees, his agents, his employees, or others under his control.

LIMITATION ON UTILITY PRODUCTION/SERVICE LIABILITY: Public water utilities are required to deliver water to the customer's side of the meter or service connection which meets the potability and pressure standards of the Texas Natural Resource Conservation Commission ("TNRCC"). The Utility will not accept liability for any injury or damage to individuals or their property occurring on the customer's side of the meter when the water delivered meets

these state standards. The utility makes no representations or warranties (expressed or implied) that customer's appliances will not be damaged by disruptions of or fluctuations in water service whatever the cause. The utility will not accept liability for injuries or damages to persons or property due to disruption of water service caused by: (1) acts of God, (2) acts of third parties not subject to the control of the utility if the utility has undertaken such preventive measures as are required by TNRCC rules, (3) electrical power failures in water systems not required by TNRCC rule to have auxiliary power supplies, or (4) termination of water service pursuant to the utility's tariff and the TNRCC's rules. The utility is not required by law and does not provide fire prevention or fire fighting services. The utility therefore does not accept liability for fire-related injuries or damages to persons or property caused or aggravated by the availability (or lack thereof) of water or water pressure (or lack thereof) during fire emergencies. The utility will accept liability for any injury or damage to individuals or their property directly caused by defective utility plant (leaking water lines or meters) or the repairs to or construction of the utility's facilities.

EXTENSION AND FACILITIES: If the services of a registered professional engineer are required as a result of an application for service to that Applicant only, such engineer will be selected by the Utility and the Applicant, and Applicant shall bear all expenses incurred therein.

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 providing the standard service and connection. 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 TNRCC's minimum design criteria for Public Drinking Water Systems. The Utility shall bear all expense related to main oversizing or additional production, storage, or treatment facilities for individual residential customers.

The piping and other equipment on the premises furnished by the Customer will be maintained by the Customer at all times in conformity with the requirements of the applicable regulatory authorities and with the service rules and regulations of the Utility. The Customer will bring out his service line to his property line at a point mutually acceptable to the Utility and the customer. No water service smaller than 5/8" will be connected.

Except in cases where the customer has a contract with the Utility for reserve or auxiliary service, no other water service will be used by the Customer on the same installation in conjunction with the Utility's service, either by means of a cross-over valve or any other connection. Customer shall not connect, or allow any other person or party to connect, onto any water lines on his premises. Two places shall not be permitted to be supplied with one service pipe where there is a water main abutting the premises; each shall have separate service lines and meters. For the purposes of this

paragraph, each residence shall be construed to be one entity or consuming facility.

It is agreed and understood that any and all meters, water lines and other equipment furnished by the Utility (excepting the Customer's individual service lines from the point of connection to Customer's structures on Customer's premises) is and shall remain the sole property of the Utility, and nothing contained herein shall be construed to reflect a sale or transfer of any such meters, lines or equipment to any customer. All tap charges shall be for the privilege of connecting to said water lines and for installation, not purchase, of said meters and lines.

ASSIGNMENT: No application, agreement or contract for service may be assigned or transferred without the written consent of the Utility.

RIGHT OF ACCESS (EASEMENT): The Utility will have the right of access to the Customer's premises at all times reasonable for the purpose of installing, inspecting or repairing water mains or other equipment used in connection with its 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. This right of access (easement) shall not include the right to construct and maintain production, storage or treatment facilities unless these facilities are required to provide continuous and adequate service to the individual property in question.

LANDLORD GUARANTEE: Applications by tenants must be countersigned by the owner of the property. By signing the application, the landlord grants all required rights of access (easements). The landlord GUARANTEES PAYMENT for all utility service charges and fees incurred by or compensable damages caused by their tenant IF the landlord is designated above as the person responsible for the bill.

PLUMBING RESTRICTIONS:

The following undesirable plumbing 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 drinking water system by an air-gap only.

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 only.

C. No connection which allows water to return 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.

APPEAL TO THE TNRCC OR OTHER REGULATORY AUTHORITY: Any applicant or existing customer required to pay for any costs not specifically set forth in the rate schedule pages of the Utility's approved tariff shall be entitled to a written explanation of such costs prior to 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 have 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 or existing customer's property(ies) is located. Unless the TNRCC or other regulatory authority enters interlocutory orders to the contrary, service to an applicant may be delayed until such appeal is resolved.

CUSTOMER AGREEMENT: BY SIGNING THIS APPLICATION FOR PUBLIC UTILITY SERVICE, I AGREE TO COMPLY WITH THE UTILITY'S TARIFF AND ALL RULES AND REGULATIONS OF THE TNRCC AND OTHER APPLICABLE REGULATORY AGENCIES. I GUARANTEE PROMPT PAYMENT OF ALL UTILITY BILLS FOR THE SERVICE ADDRESS PRINTED ABOVE. I AGREE TO REMAIN RESPONSIBLE FOR UTILITY BILLS FOR THIS SERVICE ADDRESS FROM THE DATE SERVICE IS STARTED UNTIL THE DATE SERVICE IS TERMINATED. I UNDERSTAND THAT SERVICE WILL NOT BE TERMINATED VOLUNTARILY UNTIL I REQUEST IT IN WRITING.

I AGREE TO TAKE NO ACTIONS TO CREATE A HEALTH HAZARD OR OTHERWISE ENDANGER THE UTILITY'S PLANT, ITS PERSONNEL, OR ITS CUSTOMERS. I AGREE TO PUT NO UNUSUAL, NON-DOMESTIC SERVICE DEMANDS ON THE UTILITY SYSTEM WITHOUT NOTICE TO AND PERMISSION FROM THE UTILITY.

I HAVE BEEN SHOWN A COPY OF THE UTILITY'S TNRCC-APPROVED TARIFF AND I AGREE TO PAY THE RATES IN THE TARIFF AND ABIDE BY THE REQUIREMENTS IN THIS APPLICATION. I ACKNOWLEDGE THAT THE RATES AND/OR TERMS OF SERVICE IN THE TARIFF MAY BE CHANGED BY FUTURE ORDER OF THE TNRCC OR OTHER REGULATORY AUTHORITY HAVING JURISDICTION OVER THE UTILITY'S RATES.

Applicant

Guarantor or Landlord

Utility Representative

Date Application Accepted