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**WATER UTILITY TARIFF
FOR**

Hemphill Contracting Company, Inc. dba
Mitchell County Utility Company
(Utility Name)

5353 LCR 256
(Business Address)

Colorado City, Texas 79512
(City, State, Zip Code)

(325)728-5092
(Area Code/Telephone)

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

11126

This tariff is effective in the following county:

Mitchell

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

None

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

Mitchell County Utility Company: PWS ID 1680004

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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>
5/8" or 3/4"	<u>\$24.45</u> (Includes <u>2,000</u> gallons)	<u>\$4.42</u> per 1000 gallons
1"	<u>\$40.86</u>	same for all meter sizes
1 1/2 "	<u>\$78.38</u>	
2"	<u>\$125.28</u>	
3"	<u>\$235.50</u>	

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

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

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

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

Section 1.02 - Miscellaneous Fees

TAP FEE \$120.00
TAP FEE COVERS THE UTILITY'S COSTS FOR MATERIALS AND LABOR TO INSTALL A STANDARD
RESIDENTIAL 5/8" or 3/4" METER. AN ADDITIONAL FEE TO COVER UNIQUE COSTS IS PERMITTED IF
LISTED ON THIS TARIFF.

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

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

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

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SECTION 1.0 -- RATE SCHEDULE (Continued)

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 \$40.00

TRANSFER FEE \$10.00

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

TCEQ 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 \$10.00

RETURNED CHECK CHARGES MUST BE BASED ON THE UTILITY'S DOCUMENTABLE COST.

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

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

GOVERNMENTAL TESTING, INSPECTION AND COSTS SURCHARGE:

WHEN AUTHORIZED IN WRITING BY TCEQ AND AFTER NOTICE TO CUSTOMERS, THE UTILITY MAY INCREASE RATES TO RECOVER INCREASED COSTS FOR INSPECTION FEES AND WATER TESTING. [30 TAC 291.21(K)(2)]

LINE EXTENSION AND CONSTRUCTION CHARGES:

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

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SECTION 1.0 -- RATE SCHEDULE (Continued)

Section 1.02 Miscellaneous Fees (Continued)

SEASONAL RECONNECT FEE - If a customer voluntarily terminates their service and applies to restore service at the same location, the customer shall pay a monthly reconnect fee based on the monthly minimum charge less the gallonage component times the number of months disconnected, not to exceed 6 months.

Section 1.03 - Purchased Water Adjustment Clause

The Company's current rate structure is based on the current wholesale water rate structure charged to the Company by the City of Colorado City, Texas effective May 1, 1998. If the water rate to the Company is further changed by the City of Colorado City, the components of the Company's rate structure shall change in the following manner:

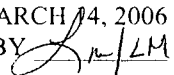
n = the effective increase or decrease per 1,000 gallons from the City of Colorado City.

Increase applicable to the minimum bill = $2n$

Increase or decrease applicable to the commodity charge per 1,000 gallons = n

In the event of such a change, notice will be provided to customers and the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality prior to the effective date of the change, in accordance with the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality's rules, Chapter 291.

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SECTION 2.0 - SERVICE RULES AND REGULATIONS

Section 2.01--Application for Service

All applications for service will be made on the utility's standard application or contract form (attached in Appendix A to this tariff) and will be signed by the applicant before water service is provided by the utility. A separate application or contract will be made for each service at each separate location.

Section 2.02--Water Installation

After the applicant has met all the requirements, conditions and regulations for service, the utility will install a tap, meter and cut-off valve and/or take all necessary actions to initiate service. The utility shall serve each qualified applicant for service within its certified area as rapidly as is practical after accepting a completed application. The utility shall provide service in a timely manner on a non-discriminatory basis.

Service requests not involving line extensions, construction or new facilities shall be filled no later than fourteen (14) working days after a completed application has been accepted. If construction is required which cannot be completed within thirty (30) days, the utility shall provide a written explanation of the construction required and an expected date of service. Service shall be provided within thirty (30) days of the expected date, but no later than 180 days after a completed application was accepted. Failure to provide service within this time frame shall constitute refusal to serve.

Section 2.03--Refusal of Service

The utility may decline to serve an applicant until such applicant has complied with both state and municipal regulations, the approved rules and regulations of the utility on file with the Commission and for the following reasons:

1. the applicant's installation or equipment is known to be inadequate or of such character that satisfactory service cannot be given;
2. the applicant is indebted to any utility for the same kind of service as that applied for, provided, however, that in the event the indebtedness of the applicant is in dispute, the applicant shall be served upon complying with the deposit requirement of the utility; or,
3. refusal to make a deposit, if applicant is required to make a deposit by the utility.

In the event that the utility shall refuse to serve an applicant, the utility must inform the applicant of the basis of its refusal. The utility is also required to inform the applicant that it may file a complaint with the Commission.

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Section 2.04--Customer Deposits

If the residential applicant cannot establish credit to the satisfaction of the utility, the applicant may be required to pay a deposit that does not exceed \$50.00 for water utility service.

The utility must keep a record of each deposit, issue a receipt for it, and pay annual interest at a rate set each calendar year by the Commission. The utility shall maintain all funds received as customer deposits in a separate, federally insured, interest-bearing account and shall use such funds only for the purpose of payment of unpaid bills guaranteed by such deposits, payment of interest to depositors and refund of deposits to depositors.

The utility must automatically refund the deposit plus accrued interest:

1. if service is not connected;
2. after disconnection of service if the deposit or portion of the deposit exceeds any unpaid bills; or,
3. to any residential customer who has paid service bills for 12 consecutive months without being disconnected for nonpayment and without more than two occasions in which a bill was delinquent. The refund need not be made if payment on the current bill is delinquent.

Non-residential applicants, if unable to establish satisfactory credit, may be required to make a deposit not to exceed one-sixth (1/6) of the estimated annual billings.

Section 2.05--Meter Requirements, Readings and Testing

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

One meter is required for each residential, commercial or industrial facility. An apartment building or a trailer or mobile home park may be considered to be a single commercial facility.

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

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

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Section 2.06 Billing

Bills from the utility shall be rendered monthly unless otherwise authorized by the Commission. Payment is considered late if not received at the utility's office or postal address within sixteen (16) days of the billing date. The postmark on the envelope of the bill or the recorded date of mailing by the utility, if there is no postmark on the envelope, shall constitute proof of the date of issuance.

A one-time penalty of \$1.00 or 5.0%, whichever is larger, may be made on delinquent bills. However, no such penalty may be collected unless a record of the date of mailing is made at the time of the mailing and maintained at the principal office of the utility.

Each bill shall show the following information (if applicable):

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

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

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

Section 2.07--Service Disconnection

The utility is encouraged to offer a deferred payment plan to a customer who cannot pay an outstanding bill in full and is willing to pay the balance in reasonable installments. However, a customer's utility service may be disconnected if a bill has not been paid or a deferred payment agreement entered into within 26 days from the date of issuance of a proper notice has been given.

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Proper notice shall consist of a separate mailing or hand delivery at least ten (10) days prior to a stated date of disconnection, with the words "termination notice" or similar language prominently displayed on the notice. The notice must also list the past due balance.

Utility service may be disconnected after proper notice for any of the following reasons:

1. failure to pay a delinquent account or to comply with a deferred payment agreement;
2. willful violation of a utility usage rule when that violation interferes with another customer's service; or,
3. failure to comply with valid deposit or guarantee arrangements.

Service may only be disconnected without notice:

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

A utility may not disconnect any customer for failure to pay for merchandise or service unrelated to utility service, even if the utility provides that merchandise or those services. A utility may not disconnect any customer for a previous occupant's failure to pay.

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

Section 2.08--Service Interruptions

The utility shall make all reasonable efforts to prevent interruptions of service. When interruptions occur, the utility shall re-establish service within the shortest possible time. Except for momentary interruptions due to automatic equipment operations, each utility shall keep a complete record of all interruptions, both emergency and scheduled.

The Commission shall be notified in writing of any service interruptions affecting the entire system or any major division of the system lasting more than four hours. The notice shall also state the cause of such interruptions.

Section 2.09--Termination of Utility Service

No utility may abandon any customer or any portion of its service area without prior written notice to affected customers and neighbors, utilities and prior to Commission approval.

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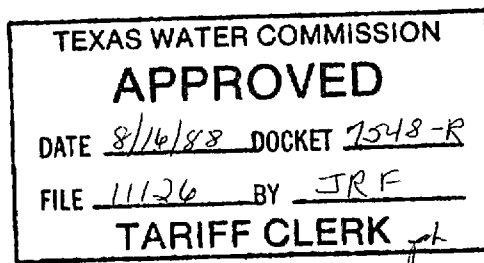
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Section 2.10--Quality of Service

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

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

Each utility shall furnish water which has been approved by the Texas Department of Health. The application of Commission rules shall not relieve the utility from complying with the requirements of the laws and regulations of the State, local Department of Health, local ordinances and all other regulatory agencies having jurisdiction over such matters.



SECTION 2.20 - SPECIFIC UTILITY SERVICE RULES AND REGULATIONS

This section contains specific utility service rules in addition to the standard rules previously listed under Section 2.0. It must be reviewed and approved by the Texas Water Commission to be effective.

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SECTION 3.0 - EXTENSION POLICY

Section 3.01--Standard Extension Requirements

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

The utility will bear the cost of the first 200 feet of water main necessary to extend service to an individual residential customer. The utility shall bear the full cost of any oversizing of water mains to serve other residential customers in the area. If the specific utility extension policy stated in Section 3.20 of this tariff requires, residential customers may be required to pay for additional main beyond the first 200 feet.

The extension policy may not be applied to requests for service where the utility already has a line in place, even though the line may be overloaded.

Individual residential customers who place a unique or non-standard service demand on the system may be charged the actual costs of any additional transmission or storage facilities required over and above the standard requirements.

If specifically stated in Section 3.20 of this tariff, developers may be required to provide contributions in aid of construction in amounts to furnish the system with facilities compliant with Texas Department of Health minimum design criteria for facilities used in the production, transmission, pumping, storage or treatment of water.

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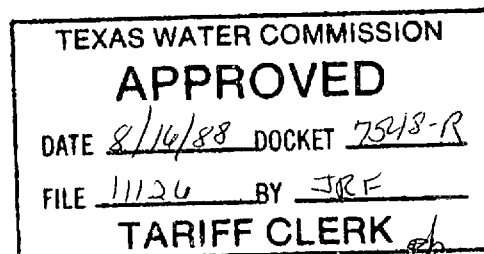
SECTION 3.20 - SPECIFIC UTILITY EXTENSION POLICY

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

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

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

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



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SECTION 4.0 - EMERGENCY WATER RATIONING PROGRAM

In cases of extreme drought, periods of abnormally high usage, or extended reduction in ability to supply water due to equipment failure, it may be necessary to institute water rationing. Water rationing can be implemented only for emergency use during periods of acute water shortage. The purpose of the Emergency Water Rationing Program is to conserve the total amount of water demanded from the utility until supply can be restored to normal levels. The rationing program shall not exceed sixty (60) days without written approval of the Texas Water Commission.

Water rationing is not a legitimate alternative when water systems are deficient in meeting the minimum "Water System Quantity Requirements" of the Texas Department of Health during normal use periods, or when the utility is not making all immediate and necessary efforts to replace or repair malfunctioning equipment.

Section 4.01--General Provisions

DECLARATION OF EMERGENCY: When system demand exceeds production or storage capability measured over a 24-hour period, and refilling the storage facilities is rendered impossible, OR when the utility is notified by its wholesale supplier of a cutback in water to be delivered to such an extent that normal use patterns will no longer be possible, the utility may declare an emergency to exist, and thereafter ration water in the following manner:

NOTICE REQUIREMENTS: Written notice to each customer of the proposed rationing shall be mailed 72 hours or hand delivered 24 hours before the utility actually starts the program. Notice shall also be placed in a local newspaper and the utility shall send a copy of the notice to the Texas Water Commission at the same time notice is sent to the customers. The customer notice shall contain the following information:

1. The date rationing shall begin;
2. The date rationing shall end;
3. the stage of rationing and explanation of rationing to be employed; and,
4. explanation of penalties for violations.

VIOLATION OF EMERGENCY RATIONING RULES:

1. First violation-the utility may install a flow restricter in the line to limit the amount of water which will pass through the meter in a 24-hour period. The cost to be charged to the customer's account shall be the actual installed cost to the utility, not to exceed \$50.00.
2. Subsequent violations-the utility may terminate 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 shall apply for restoration of service.

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EXEMPTIONS OR VARIANCES FROM RATIONING RULES: The utility may grant any customer an exemption or variance from the uniform rationing program for good cause. In such event, the utility shall notify the Texas Water Commission within 24 hours of such exemption or variance, stating the name, address and cause of exemption for the affected customer. A customer who is refused an exemption or variance may appeal such action of the utility by written appeal to the Texas Water Commission. The utility shall treat all customers equally concerning exemptions and variances, and shall not discriminate in granting exemptions and variances.

RATES: All existing rates shall remain in effect during the rationing period, and no charges may be levied against a customer which are not contained in the approved tariff of the utility as filed with the Commission.

Section 4.02--Stages of Rationing

Unless there is an immediate extreme reduction in water production, the Utility must initially declare Stage I rationing. If, after a reasonable period of time, demand is not reduced enough to alleviate outages, Stage II may be declared.

STAGE I (MILD RATIONING CONDITIONS): Under Stage I (Mild Rationing Conditions) the utility may select any of the alternatives listed below. Usage of water for outdoor purposes such as lawns, gardens, car washing, etc. will be restricted to:

1. Alternate Day Use--Customers with even numbered addresses may use water outdoors on even numbered days and customers with odd numbered addresses may water outdoors on odd numbered days. (When there are no addresses, north and west sides of the streets: even days; south and east sides of streets: odd days.)
2. Weekday Use Only--No outside watering allowed on Saturdays, Sundays, or official Federal Holidays.
3. Restricted Hours of Use--Outside watering is allowed only from 9-11:30 AM and 10-12 PM.
4. Every Five Day Use--customers whose addresses end in 0 and 1 may use water outdoors on the 1st day of the month; 2 and 3--the 2nd; 4 and 5--3rd; 6 and 7--4th; 8 and 9--5th; 0 and 1--6th... and so on. The utility must provide a calendar noting the respective watering days and the order should remain consecutive as new months begin.
5. Nighttime Watering Prohibited--No outside watering allowed from 10 PM to 7 AM.

STAGE II (MODERATE RATIONING CONDITIONS): All outdoor water usage is prohibited; however usage for livestock is exempt.

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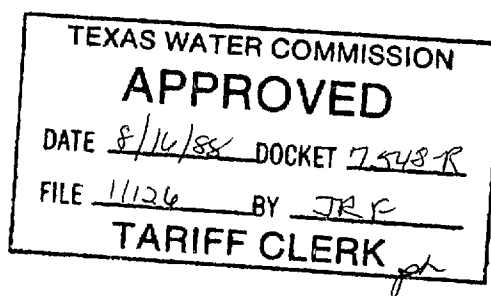
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STAGE III (SEVERE RATIONING CONDITIONS): All outdoor water usage is prohibited; livestock may be exempted by the utility. All consumption shall be limited to each customer in one of the following ways:

1. A fixed percentage of each customer's average use in the prior month, the percentage to be uniformly applied on a systemwide basis, each customer being notified of this percentage amount; OR
2. A maximum number of gallons per meter (customer) per week, with notice to each customer of this number.

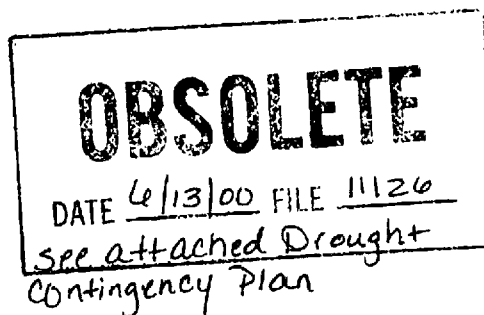
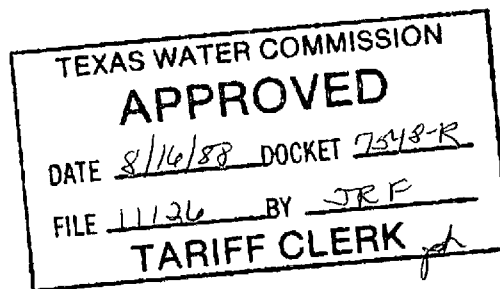
All meters shall be read as often as necessary to insure compliance with this program for the benefit of all the customers.



SECTION 4.20 - SPECIFIC UTILITY WATER RATIONING PROGRAM

This section contains a specific utility water rationing program in addition to the one stated under Section 4.0. It must be reviewed and approved by the Texas Water Commission to be effective.

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Appendix A

SERVICE AGREEMENT

Date: / / Name of Applicant:

Service Address: _____

Billing Address: Street/Box: _____

City, State, Zip: _____

Check Applicable Items:

___ Residential ___ Commercial ___ Owner ___ Tenant ___ Age Over 65

Desired Water Meter Size: Standard Other (State size:)

If Commercial Applicant, describe operations, special requirements, etc.
(attach additional page if necessary):

I hereby apply for the above described service from Mitchell County Utility Co. I agree to abide by all service rules and regulations of the utility as contained in the utility's applicable tariff and the Substantive Rules of the Texas Water Commission, copies of which are available for inspection at the utility's business office.

Signed _____

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Application approved by _____ Date: ____/____/____

Deposit Amount _____ Date Rec'd ____/____/____ Service Initiated ____/____/____

Tap Fee Amount _____ Date Rec'd ____/____/____ Meter # _____

Meter Size _____

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

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**DROUGHT CONTINGENCY PLAN
FOR
Mitchell County Utility Company**

5353 LCR 256, Colorado City, 79512

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April 12, 2005

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 (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, Mike Hemphill, being the responsible official for Mitchell County Utility Co., **request a minor tariff amendment to include the enclosed Drought Contingency Plan.**

Mike Hemphill
(Signature)

4-12-05
(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 the following:

Message on back of the April 2005 monthly billing.

Section 3 Public Education

Mitchell County Utility Co. 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:

Notice on the billing card that plan is available for inspection in office during regular business hours.

Section 4 Coordination with Regional Water Planning Groups

The service area of the Mitchell County Utility Co. is located within Regional Water Planning Group (RWFG) "F".

Mitchell County Utility Co. 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 TCEQ by telephone at (512) 239-4691, or electronic mail at watermon@tceq.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 TCEQ at the initiation and termination of mandatory water use restrictions (i.e., Stages III and IV).

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Section 6 Violations

1. First violation - The customer will be notified by written notice of their specific violation(s).
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 \$70.00.
 - 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 Commission on Environmental Quality. 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 1 st, the utility will mail a public announcement to its customers. No notice to TCEQ required.

Stage I will end:

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

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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 TCEQ.

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 10 percent reduction in daily water demand

The water utility will implement Stage II when the selected trigger is reached:

Supply-Based Trigger:

Overnight recovery rate reaches 20 ft.

Demand- or Capacity-Based Trigger:

Production or distribution limitations.

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

Requirements for Termination:

Stage II of the Plan may end when the condition listed as the triggering event has ceased to exist for a period of three (3) consecutive days. Upon termination of Stage II, Stage I 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.

The second water source for Mitchell County Utility Co. is another well.

Voluntary Water Use Restrictions:

1. Restricted Hours: Outside watering (using water supplied by Mitchell County Utility Co.) is allowed daily, but only during periods specifically described in the customer notice; between 10:00 p.m. and 5:00 a.m.

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

STAGE III - MANDATORY WATER USE RESTRICTIONS:

Target: Achieve a 15 percent reduction in daily water demand.

The water utility will implement Stage III when the trigger is reached:

Supply-Based Trigger:

Overnight recovery rate reaches 30 ft.

Demand- or Capacity-Based Trigger

Production or distribution limitations.

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

Requirements for Termination:

Stage III of the Plan may end when the condition of the triggering event has ceased to exist for a period of three (3) consecutive days. Upon termination of Stage III, Stage II becomes operative.

Utility Measures:

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

Mandatory Water Use Restrictions:

The following water use restrictions shall apply to all customers.

1. Irrigation of landscaped areas (using water supplied by Mitchell County Utility Co.) is limited to the hours of 12:00 midnight until 10:00 a.m., and between 8:00 p.m. and 12:00 midnight. 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 (using water supplied by Mitchell County Utility Co.) to wash any motor vehicle, motor bike, boat, trailer, airplane or other vehicle is prohibited except between the hours of 12:00 midnight and 10:00 a.m., and between 8:00 p.m. and 12:00 midnight.

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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 are contingent upon frequent vehicle cleansing, such as garbage trucks and vehicles used to transport food and perishables.

3. Use of water (using water supplied by Mitchell County Utility Co.) to fill, refill, or add to any indoor or outdoor swimming pools, wading pools, or "jacuzzi" type pool are prohibited except between the hours of 12:00 midnight and 10:00 a.m. and between 8:00 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 (using water supplied by Mitchell County Utility Co.) for the irrigation of golf courses, parks, and green belt areas are prohibited except by hand-held hose and only 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 (using water supplied by Mitchell County Utility Co.) 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:

Target: Achieve a 20 percent reduction in daily water demand.

The water utility will implement Stage IV when the selected trigger is reached:

Supply-Based Trigger:

Overnight recovery rate reaches 30 ft

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Demand- or Capacity-Based Trigger:

Production or distribution limitations

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

Requirements for Termination:

Stage IV of the Plan may be rescinded when the condition listed as the triggering event has ceased to exist for a period of three (3) consecutive days. Upon termination of Stage IV, Stage III 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.

Mandatory Water Use Restrictions: (all outdoor use of water (using water supplied by Mitchell County Utility Co.) is prohibited)

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

SYSTEM OUTAGE or SUPPLY CONTAMINATION

Notify TCEQ Regional Office immediately.

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