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# APPLICATION OF W&W WATER, INC. FOR A CLASS D RATE ADJUSTMENT

**PUBLIC UTILITY COMMISSION** 

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#### NOTICE OF APPROVAL

This Notice of Approval addresses the application, as supplemented, of W&W Water, Inc. a class D utility, for an annual rate adjustment under Texas Water Code (TWC) § 13.1872. The Commission increases W&W Water's monthly minimum charge and gallonage rates by 5%, effective June 24, 2022.

# I. Findings of Fact

The Commission makes the following findings of fact.

### <u>Applicant</u>

- 1. W&W Water was, at one time, a Texas non-profit corporation that was registered as such with the Texas secretary of state under file number 801956697.
- 2. On August 20, 2021, the Texas secretary of state forfeited W&W Water's registration as a non-profit corporation.
- 3. W&W Water owns and operates for compensation in Texas equipment or facilities for the transmission, storage, distribution, sale, or provision of potable water to the public in Wilson County under certificate of convenience and necessity (CCN) number 12023.
- 4. W&W Water serves 331 active water connections in the Creekwood Ranch and Seven Oaks subdivisions.
- 5. W&W Water operates public water systems registered with the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality (TCEQ) under the following identification numbers: Creekwood Ranch, public water system number 2470021; and Seven Oaks, public water system number 2470016.

### **Application**

6. On March 11, 2022, W&W Water filed an application for a class D annual rate adjustment of 5%.

- 7. On April 13, 2022, W&W Water filed a supplement to the application.
- 8. The application is W&W Water's fourth request for a class D rate adjustment between base rate proceedings.
- 9. In Order No. 3 filed on May 10, 2022, the administrative law judge (ALJ) found the application administratively complete and accepted for filing.

# Rate Adjustment

- 10. W&W Water requests a 5% annual rate adjustment to its water minimum monthly charge and gallonage rates.
- 11. W&W Water's current and proposed minimum monthly charge, by meter size, and current and proposed gallonage rates are:

Meter Size	Current Minimum Monthly Charge (includes 0 gallons)	Proposed Minimum Monthly Charge (includes 0 gallons)
5/8" and 3/4"	\$32.42	\$34.04
Tier	Current Gallonage Rates	Proposed Gallonage Rates
	(per 1,000 gallons)	(per 1,000 gallons)
0 to 4,000 gallons	\$4.26	\$4.47
4,001 to 7,000 gallons	\$5.03	\$5,28
7,001 to 10,000 gallons	\$6.79	\$7.13
10,001 to 14,000 gallons	\$9.92	\$10.42
14,001 to 20,000 gallons	\$13.94	\$14.64
20,001 to 30,000 gallons	\$20.93	\$21.98
Over 30,000 gallons	\$27.83	\$29.22

# **Tariff**

12. On May 6, 2022, Commission Staff filed the proposed water tariff as an attachment to its recommendation on administrative completeness and final disposition.

## II. Conclusions of Law

The Commission makes the following conclusions of law.

1. The Commission has authority over the application under TWC § 13.1872.

- 2. W&W Water is a public utility as defined in TWC § 13.002(23) and a class D utility under TWC § 13.002(4-d).
- 3. Under TWC § 13.1872(f), W&W Water may adjust its rates not more than once each year and not more than four times between rate proceedings under TWC § 13.1871.
- 4. A 5% increase in W&W Water's minimum monthly charge and gallonage rates complies with TWC § 13.1872(e)(2).
- 5. The Commission processed the application in accordance with the requirements of the TWC, the Administrative Procedure Act, <sup>1</sup> and Commission rules.
- 6. W&W Water demonstrated that it has met the requirements of TWC § 13.1872 for approval of the rate adjustments.
- 7. Under TWC § 13.1872(c)(1), W&W Water must provide notice 30 days before the effective date of the approved change.
- 8. Under 16 Texas Administrative Code § 24.49(e), W&W Water must provide notice after it receives a written order by the Commission approving or modifying the application.

# III. Ordering Paragraphs

In accordance with these findings of fact and conclusions of law, the Commission issues the following orders.

1. The Commission approves W&W Water's application, as supplemented, for a class D annual rate adjustment, effective June 24, 2022.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> Tex. Gov't Code §§ 2001.001-.903.

2. Effective June 24, 2022, W&W Water's monthly minimum charge, by meter size, and gallonage rates are:

Meter Size	Minimum Monthly Charge (includes 0 gallons)
5/8" and 3/4"	\$34.04
Tier	Gallonage Rates (per 1,000 gallons)
0 to 4,000 gallons	\$4.47
4,001 to 7,000 gallons	\$5.28
7,001 to 10,000 gallons	\$7.13
10,001 to 14,000 gallons	\$10.42
14,001 to 20,000 gallons	\$14.64
20,001 to 30,000 gallons	\$21.98
Over 30,000 gallons	\$29.22

- 3. The Commission approves the water tariff attached to Commission Staff's May 6, 2022 recommendation on administrative completeness and final disposition.
- 4. Within ten days of the date of this Notice of Approval, Commission Staff must file a clean copy of the tariff approved by this Notice of Approval, with the approved effective date, with Central Records to be marked *Approved* and kept in the Commission tariff book.
- 5. W&W Water must, by May 24, 2022, provide to each ratepayer by mail, or by electronic mail if the ratepayer has agreed to receive communications electronically, notice of the rate adjustments with the effective date of June 24, 2022, using the notice included with W&W Water's April 13, 2022 amendment.
- 6. By June 16, 2022, W&W Water must file proof that it has provided notice as specified above.
- 7. The Commission denies all other motions and any other requests for general or specific relief that have not been expressly granted.

Signed at Austin, Texas the 10th day of May 2022.

PUBLIC UTILITY COMMISSION OF TEXAS

HUNYER BURKHALTER

CHIEF ADMINISTRATIVE LAW JUDGE

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