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APPLICATION OF WILDERNESS § PUBLIC UTILITY COMMISSION
COVE WATER COMPANY, LLC FOR A §
CLASS D RATE ADJUSTMENT § OF TEXAS

NOTICE OF APPROVAL

This Notice of Approval addresses the application of Wilderness Cove Water Company, LLC a class D utility, for an annual rate adjustment under Texas Water Code (TWC) § 13.1872. The Commission increases Wilderness Cove’s monthly minimum charges and gallonage rates by 5%, effective August 21, 2022, for customers served by public water system identification number 0270126.

I. Findings of Fact

The Commission makes the following findings of fact.

Applicant

1. Wilderness Cove is a Texas limited liability company registered with the Texas secretary of state under file number 801812071.
2. Wilderness Cove 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 Burnet County under certificate of convenience and necessity number 12334.
3. Wilderness Cove serves 94 active water connections.
4. Wilderness Cove operates a public water system registered with the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality under identification number 0270126.

Application

5. On April 1, 2022, Wilderness Cove filed an application for a class D annual rate adjustment of 5%.
6. This application is Wilderness Cove’s first requested class D rate adjustment between base rate proceedings.

7. In Order No. 2 filed on May 3, 2022, the administrative law judge found the application administratively complete and accepted for filing.

Rate Adjustment

8. Wilderness Cove requests a 5% annual rate adjustment to its minimum monthly charges and gallonage rates.
9. Wilderness Cove's current and proposed minimum monthly water charges, by meter size, are:

Meter Size	Current Minimum Monthly Charge (includes 5,000 gallons)	Proposed Minimum Monthly Charge (includes 5,000 gallons)
5/8" or 3/4"	\$50.00	\$52.50
1"	\$83.67	\$87.85
1 1/2"	\$166.50	\$174.83
2"	\$266.50	\$279.83
3"	\$500.00	\$525.00
4"	\$833.50	\$875.18

10. Wilderness Cove's current and proposed minimum monthly gallonage rates are:

Tier	Current Gallonage Rate (per 1,000 gallons)	Proposed Gallonage Rate (per 1,000 gallons)
5,001 to 15,000 gallons	\$2.00	\$2.10
15,001 gallons and thereafter	\$4.00	\$4.20

Tariff

11. On April 29, 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. Wilderness Cove 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), Wilderness Cove 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 Wilderness Cove's minimum monthly charges 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,¹ and Commission rules.
6. Wilderness Cove demonstrated that it has met the requirements of TWC § 13.1872 for approval of the rate adjustments.
7. Under TWC § 13.1872(c)(1), Wilderness Cove must provide notice 30 days before the effective date of the approved change.
8. Under 16 Texas Administrative Code § 24.49(e), Wilderness Cove 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 increases in Wilderness Cove's monthly minimum charges and gallonage rates by 5%, effective August 21, 2022, for customers served by public water system identification number 0270126.
2. Effective August 21, 2022, Wilderness Cove's monthly minimum water charges, by meter size are:

Meter Size	Monthly Charges (includes 5,000 gallons)
5/8" or 3/4"	\$52.50
1"	\$87.85
1 1/2"	\$174.83
2"	\$279.83
3"	\$525.00
4"	\$875.18

¹ Tex. Gov't Code §§ 2001.001–903.

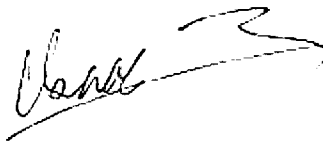
3. Effective August 21, 2022, Wilderness Cove's monthly gallonage rates are:

Tier	Gallonage Rate (per 1,000 gallons)
5,001 to 15,000 gallons	\$2.10
15,001 gallons and thereafter	\$4.20

4. The Commission approves the water tariff attached to Commission Staff's April 29, 2022 recommendation on administrative completeness and final disposition.
5. 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.
6. Wilderness Cove must, by July 21, 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 August 21, 2022, using the form attached to Commission Staff's April 29, 2022 recommendation.
7. By August 4, 2022, Wilderness Cove must file proof that it has provided notice as specified above.
8. 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



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ADMINISTRATIVE LAW JUDGE**