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APPLICATION OF RIO CONCHO§PUBLIC UTILITY COMMISSIONAVIATION INC. FOR A CLASS D RATE§OF TEXASADJUSTMENT§OF TEXAS

NOTICE OF APPROVAL

This Notice of Approval addresses the amended application of Rio Concho Aviation Inc., a class D utility, for an annual rate adjustment under Texas Water Code (TWC) § 13.1872. The Commission increases Rio Concho Aviation's monthly minimum charges and gallonage rate by 5%, effective August 25, 2022.

I. Findings of Fact

The Commission makes the following findings of fact.

<u>Applicant</u>

- 1. Rio Concho Aviation is a Texas for-profit corporation registered with the Texas secretary of state under file number 131931000.
- Rio Concho Aviation owns and operates for compensation equipment or facilities for the transmission, storage, distribution, sale, or provision of potable water to the public in Tarrant County, Texas under certificate of convenience and necessity (CCN) number 12835.
- 3. Rio Concho Aviation serves 245 active water connections.
- 4. Rio Concho Aviation operates a public water system registered with the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality under identification number 2200330.

<u>Application</u>

- 5. On April 14, 2022, Rio Concho Aviation filed an application for a class D annual rate adjustment of 5%.
- 6. On May 17, 2022, Rio Concho Aviation filed supplemental information.
- 7. This application is Rio Concho Aviation's fourth requested class D rate adjustment between base rate proceedings.

8. In Order No. 3 filed on June 14, 2022, the administrative law judge (ALJ) found the application administratively complete and accepted for filing.

<u>Rate Adjustment</u>

- 9. Rio Concho Aviation requests a 5% annual rate adjustment to its monthly minimum charges and gallonage rate.
- 10. Rio Concho Aviation's current and proposed monthly minimum water charges, by meter size, are:

Meter Size	Current Monthly	Proposed Monthly Minimum
(includes 0 gallons)	Minimum Charge	Charge
5/8" or 3/4"	\$32.55	\$34.18

11. Rio Concho Aviation's current and proposed minimum monthly gallonage rates are:

Gallonage Charge	Current Gallonage Rate (per 1,000 gallons)	Proposed Gallonage Rate (per 1,000 gallons)
	\$7.43	\$7.80

<u>Tariff</u>

12. On June 13, 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. Rio Concho Aviation 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), Rio Concho Aviation 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 Rio Concho Aviation's monthly minimum 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.

¹ Tex. Gov't Code §§ 2001.001–.903.

- 6. Rio Concho Aviation demonstrated that it has met the requirements of TWC § 13.1872 for approval of the rate adjustments.
- 7. Under TWC § 13.1872(c)(1), Rio Concho Aviation must provide notice 30 days before the effective date of the approved change.
- 8. Under 16 Texas Administrative Code § 24.49(e), Rio Concho Aviation 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 Rio Concho Aviation's monthly minimum charges and gallonage rate by 5%, effective August 25, 2022.
- 2. Effective August 25, 2022, Rio Concho Aviation's monthly minimum water charges, by meter size are:

Meter Size (includes 0 gallons)	Monthly Minimum Charge
5/8" or 3/4"	\$34.18

3. Effective August 25, 2022, Rio Concho Aviation's monthly gallonage rate is:

Gallonage Rate (per 1,000 gallons)	
\$7.80	
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- 4. The Commission approves the water tariff attached to Commission Staff's June 13, 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. Rio Concho Aviation must, by July 25, 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 25, 2022, using the Commission approved notice.

- 7. By August 8, 2022, Rio Concho Aviation 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 29th day of June 2022.

PUBLIC UTILITY COMMISSION OF TEXAS

GREGORY R. SIEMANKOWSKI ADMINISTRATIVE LAW JUDGE

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