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**APPLICATION OF MANVEL TERRACE UTILITIES, INC. FOR A CLASS D RATE ADJUSTMENT** § §  
**PUBLIC UTILITY COMMISSION**  
**OF TEXAS**

**NOTICE OF APPROVAL**

This Notice of Approval addresses the application of Manvel Terrace Utilities, Inc., a class D utility, for an annual rate adjustment under Texas Water Code (TWC) § 13.1872 and 16 Texas Administrative Code (TAC) § 24.29. The Commission increases Manvel Terrace’s water monthly minimum charge and gallonage rate by 5%, effective October 6, 2022.

**I. Findings of Fact**

The Commission makes the following findings of fact.

**Applicant**

1. Manvel Terrace is a Texas corporation registered with the Texas secretary of state under filing number 78001700.
2. Manvel Terrace 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 Brazoria County under certificate of convenience and necessity number 12080.
3. Manvel Terrace serves 72 active water connections.
4. Manvel Terrace operates a public water system registered with the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality (TCEQ) under identification number 0200102.

**Application**

5. On June 6, 2022, Manvel Terrace filed an application for a class D annual rate adjustment of 5%.
6. On July 27, 2022, Manvel Terrace filed a supplement and confidential supplement to the application.
7. In Order No. 3 filed on August 12, 2022, the (administrative law judge (ALJ) found the application, as supplemented, administratively complete and accepted for filing.

8. This application is Manvel Terrace’s fourth requested class D rate adjustment between base rate proceedings.

**Good Cause Exception**

9. On July 21, 2022, Manvel Terrace filed a request for a good cause exception to the requirements of 16 Texas Administrative Code (TAC) § 24.49(f)(2).

10. Manvel Terrace is an affiliate of SP Utility Company, Inc.

11. Manvel Terrace asserts that because of high fuel prices, inflation, and SP Utility Company’s temporary management of the Reed Estates Water System, good cause exists to allow it to file its application for a Class D rate adjustment earlier than as provided by 16 TAC § 24.49(f)(2).

12. In Order No. 3 filed on August 12, 2022, the ALJ found that Manvel Terrace showed good cause for filing its application for a Class D rate adjustment earlier than as provided by 16 TAC § 24.49(f)(2).

**Rate Adjustment**

13. Manvel Terrace requests a 5% annual rate adjustment to its water minimum monthly charge and gallonage rate.

14. Manvel Terrace’s current and proposed water minimum monthly charge, by meter size, is:

<b>Meter Size</b>	<b>Current Minimum Monthly Charge (includes 0 gallons)</b>	<b>Proposed Minimum Monthly Charge (includes 0 gallons)</b>
5/8” or 3/4”	\$35.15	\$36.91

15. Manvel Terrace’s current and proposed gallonage rate is:

<b>Current Gallonage Rate (per 1,000 gallons)</b>	<b>Proposed Gallonage Rate (per 1,000 gallons)</b>
\$4.11	\$4.32

**Tariff**

16. On August 9, 2022, Commission Staff filed the proposed water tariff as an attachment to its amended 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. Manvel Terrace 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), Manvel Terrace may adjust its rates not more than once each year and not more than four times between rate proceedings under TWC § 13.1871.
4. Manvel Terrace showed good cause for filing its application for a Class D rate adjustment earlier than as provided by 16 TAC § 24.49(f)(2).
5. A 5% increase in Manvel Terrace's water monthly minimum charge and gallonage rate complies with TWC § 13.1872(e)(2).
6. The Commission processed the application in accordance with the requirements of the TWC, the Administrative Procedure Act,<sup>1</sup> and Commission rules.
7. Manvel Terrace demonstrated that it met the requirements of TWC § 13.1872 for approval of the rate adjustments.
8. Under TWC § 13.1872(c)(1), Manvel Terrace must provide notice 30 days before the effective date of the approved change.
9. Under 16 TAC § 24.49(e), Manvel Terrace 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 increases Manvel Terrace's monthly minimum water charge and gallonage rate by 5%, effective October 6, 2022, for customers in the Manvel Road Terrace subdivision.

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<sup>1</sup> Tex. Gov't Code §§ 2001.001–.903.

2. Effective October 6, 2022, Manvel Terrace’s water monthly minimum charge, by meter size, is:

Meter Size	Monthly Minimum Charge (includes 0 gallons)
5/8” or 3/4”	\$36.91

3. Effective October 6, 2022, Manvel Terrace’s monthly gallonage rate is:

Gallonage Rate (per 1,000 gallons)
\$4.32

4. The Commission approves the water tariff attached to Commission Staff’s August 9, 2022 amended 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. Manvel Terrace must, by September 5, 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 October 6, 2022, using the notice included with its June 6, 2022 application.
7. By September 23, 2022, Manvel Terrace 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 12th day of August 2022.**

**PUBLIC UTILITY COMMISSION OF TEXAS**




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ADMINISTRATIVE LAW JUDGE**