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

ORDER NO. 3 FINDING APPLICATION, AS SUPPLEMENTED, ADMINISTRATIVELY COMPLETE, ADDRESSING NOTICE, AND FINDING GOOD CAUSE SHOWN

This Order addresses the administrative completeness of the June 6, 2022 application and notice of Manvel Terrace Utilities, Inc. and request for good cause exception to the filing requirement under 16 Texas Administrative Code (TAC) § 24.49(f)(2). On July 27, 2022, Manvel Terrace filed a supplement and confidential supplement to the application.

I. Administrative Completeness and Notice

On August 9, 2022, Commission Staff recommended that (a) the application, as supplemented, be found administratively complete and accepted filing (b) Manvel Terrace provide notice to customers by September 5, 2022, with an effective of October 6, 2022; and (c) good cause exists to grant a waiver of the requirements of 16 TAC § 24.49(f)(2).

The administrative law judge (ALJ) finds Manvel Terrace's application, as supplemented, administratively complete and accepted for filing under Texas Water Code § 13.1872 and 16 TAC § 24.49. The ALJ establishes an effective date for the rate increases of October 6, 2022.

Under 16 TAC § 24.49(e), Manvel Terrace is required to provide notice to each ratepayer, using the notice attached to its June 6, 2022 application. The notice must be provided only after Manvel Terrace receives a written Notice of Approval issued by the Commission, but at least 30 days before the effective date of the proposed rate change. Because the Notice of Approval has not yet been issued, the ALJ instructs Manvel Terrace not to provide notice to ratepayers until the Notice of Approval is issued in this docket.

II. Good Cause Shown for Filing Early

Manvel Terrace holds certificate of convenience and necessity number 1208; therefore, under 16 TAC § 24.49(f)(2), Manvel Terrace must file applications for Class D rate adjustments

in quarter three, from July through September, unless good cause is shown for filing in a different quarter.

On July 21, 2022, Manvel Terrace filed a request for a good cause exception to the requirements of 16 TAC § 24.49(f)(2). Manvel Terrace asserts that because of high fuel prices, inflation, and SP Utility Company, Inc.'s, its affiliate, 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).

The ALJ finds that Manvel Terrace has shown good cause for filing its application for a Class D rate adjustment earlier than as provided by 16 TAC § 24.49(f)(2).

Signed at Austin, Texas the 12th day of August 2022.

PUBLIC UTILITY COMMISSION OF TEXAS

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