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Public Utility Commission of Texas

June 23, 2022

Harrison Williams PO Box 690521 Houston, Texas 77269

RE: Docket No. 53713 – Application of J&S Water Company, LLC for a Class D Rate Adjustment

Dear Mr. Williams,

On June 4, 2022, J&S Water Company, LLC, filed an application for a Class D rate adjustment for its public water system No. 1011493, under water certificate of convenience and necessity (CCN) number 12085 and sewer CCN number 20658. Pursuant to Texas Water Code (TWC) § 13.1872, a utility may request an annual increase to its tariffed rates of no more than 5%. A utility may adjust its rates under TWC § 13.1872 not more than once a year and not more than four times between rate proceedings described under TWC § 13.1871. J&S Water Company, LLC's current application requests approval to adjust its water monthly meter charge and monthly gallonage rate by 5%.

Based on a review of the information in the application, I determined that the application is not administratively complete. To be administratively complete, I request that J&S Water Company, LLC submit the following:

- 1. The Affiliate section on Page 1 of the "Class D Water or Sewer Utility Request for an Annual Rate Adjustment" was left blank. If there are no affiliates, please amend the notice and put not applicable in the space provided.
- 2. Pages 1, 2, and 3 of the "Notice of Approved Utility Annual Rate Adjustment" identifies the utility as "Five Oaks." This is the name of the subdivision. Please amend the notice to correct the utility name on those three pages.
- 3. Based on the Base Rate and Block Gallonage Charges provided in the application, it appears that the "Billing Comparison" on Page 1 of the "Notice of Approved Utility Annual Rate Adjustment" for water should reflect the following monthly charges:
 - a. 5,000 G New should be \$32.49
 - b. 10,000 G New should be \$40.36



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- Please amend the notice to correct the new billing comparisons.
- 4. The application did not include a copy of the relevant pages of the Applicant's current approved tariff for CCN numbers 12085 and 20658. Please provide the relevant pages of the current water and sewer tariff.
- 5. The Applicant may not send notice to customers or raise rates until approval of the proposed notice is received from the Commission. The Commission will review the proposed rate and tariff. Once the rate adjustment is approved, official notice to customers must be provided 30 days prior to the effective date. To allow the administrative law judge sufficient time to issue a Notice of Approval, please amend the notice to reflect a notice delivery date of August 16, 2022, and the effective date of the approved increase to September 16, 2022.
- 6. TWC § 13.136(b) states the following: The utility commission by rule shall require each utility to annually file a service, financial, and normalized earnings report in a form and at times specified by utility commission rule. The report must include information sufficient to enable the utility commission to properly monitor utilities in this state. The utility commission shall make available to the public information in the report the utility does not file as confidential. Please file the annual reports for the water and sewer utility associated with this rate adjustment application.

Please do not implement the rate increase or provide notice of the rate increase to your customers until the Commission indicates that your application has been approved.

In order to ensure timely review of your application, please file the additional information requested above no later than 10 business days. If you have any questions, please contact me at (512) 936-7021 or email me at Margaux.Fox@puc.texas.gov.

Sincerely,

/s/ Margaux Fox

Margaux Fox Attorney-Legal Division