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APPLICATION OF LAKEVIEW HILLS	§	PUBLIC UTILITY COMMISSION
PROPERTY OWNERS ASSOCIATION	§	
FOR A CLASS D RATE ADJUSTMENT	§	OF TEXAS

#### NOTICE OF APPROVAL

This Notice of Approval addresses the application of Lakeview Hills Property Owners Association, a class D utility, for an annual rate adjustment under Texas Water Code (TWC) § 13.1872. The Commission increases Lakeview Hills' monthly minimum charge and gallonage rates by 5%, effective October 31, 2022.

### I. Findings of Fact

The Commission makes the following findings of fact.

# Applicant

- 1. Lakeview Hills is a Texas non-profit corporation registered with the Texas secretary of state under filing number 36836201.
- Lakeview Hills 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 San Jacinto County under certificate of convenience and necessity (CCN) number 12949.
- 3. Lakeview Hills serves 53 active water connections.
- 4. Lakeview Hills operates a public water system registered with the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality under identification number 2040021.

# <u>Application</u>

- 5. On June 27, 2022, Lakeview Hills filed an application for a class D annual rate adjustment of 5%.
- 6. Lakeview Hills filed supplements to the application on July 8, 16, and 19, 2022.
- 7. This application is Lakeview Hills' third requested class D rate adjustment between base rate proceedings.

8. In Order No. 2 filed on July 28, 2021, the administrative law judge (ALJ) found the application, as supplemented, administratively complete and accepted for filing.

# Rate Adjustment

- 9. Lakeview Hills requests a 5% annual rate adjustment to its monthly minimum charge and gallonage rates.
- 10. Lakeview Hills' current and proposed monthly minimum charge, by meter size, is:

Meter Size (includes 0 gallons)	Current Monthly Minimum Charge	Proposed Monthly Minimum Charge
5/8" or 3/4"	\$ 17.64	\$ 18.52

11. Lakeview Hills' current and proposed monthly minimum gallonage rate is:

Current Gallonage Rate (per 1,000 gallons)	Proposed Gallonage Rate (per 1,000 gallons)
\$ 3.31	\$ 3.48

# **Tariff**

12. On July 26, 2022, Commission Staff filed the proposed water tariff as an attachment to its recommendation on administrative completeness and final disposition.

# I. Conclusions of Law

The Commission makes the following conclusions of law.

- 1. The Commission has authority over the application under TWC § 13.1872.
- 2. Lakeview Hills is a public utility as defined in TWC § 13.002(23) and is a class D utility under TWC § 13.002(4-d).
- 3. Under TWC § 13.1872(f), Lakeview Hills 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 Lakeview Hills' monthly minimum charge 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, and Commission rules.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> Tex. Gov't Code §§ 2001.001-.903.

- 6. Lakeview Hills demonstrated that it has met the requirements of TWC § 13.1872 for approval of the rate adjustments.
- 7. Under TWC § 13.1872(c)(1), Lakeview Hills must provide notice 30 days before the effective date of the proposed change.
- 8. Under 16 TAC § 24.49(e), Lakeview Hills must provide notice after it receives a written order by the Commission approving or modifying the application.

# II. Ordering Paragraphs

In accordance with these findings of fact and conclusions of law, the Commission issues the following orders.

- 1. The Commission increases Lakeview Hills' monthly water base and gallonage rates by 5%, effective October 31, 2022.
- 2. Effective October 31, 2022, Lakeview Hills's monthly minimum charge is:

Meter Size	Monthly Minimum Charge	
(includes 0 gallons)		
5/8" or 3/4"	\$ 18.52	

3. Effective October 31, 2022, Lakeview Hills' monthly gallonage rate is:

Ga	illonage Rate (per 1,000 gallons)
	\$ 3.48

- 4. The Commission approves the water tariff attached to Commission Staff's July 26, 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. Lakeview Hills must, by September 15, 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 31, 2022, using the Commission approved notice.
- 7. By October 14, 2022, Lakeview Hills 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 2nd day of August 2022.

**PUBLIC UTILITY COMMISSION OF TEXAS** 

CHRISTINA DENMARK ADMINISTRATIVE LAW JUDGE

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