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<b>APPLICATION OF MEGAN ESTES</b>	<b>§</b>	<b>PUBLIC UTILITY COMMISSION</b>
<b>DBA BIG CREEK WEST WATER</b>	<b>§</b>	
<b>SUPPLY FOR A CLASS D RATE</b>	<b>§</b>	<b>OF TEXAS</b>
<b>ADJUSTMENT</b>	<b>§</b>	

**COMMISSION STAFF'S RESPONSE TO ORDER NO. 4**

On December 12, 2022, Megan Estes dba Big Creek West Water Supply (Big Creek) filed an application for a Class D rate adjustment under Texas Water Code (TWC) § 13.1872 and 16 Texas Administrative Code (TAC) § 24.49. Big Creek holds water Certificate and Convenience and Necessity (CCN) No. 13282 and is requesting a five percent increase in water rates. Big Creek filed supplemental information on December 16, 19, 2022 and January 5, 2022.

On February 3, 2023, the administrative law judge (ALJ) filed Order No. 4, directing the Staff (Staff) of the Public Utility Commission of Texas (Commission) to file the complete proposed notices for Big Creek West and Cedar Creek that Commission Staff believes are appropriate, using Word format by February 10, 2023. Therefore, this pleading is timely filed.

**I. STAFF'S RESPONSE**

Staff has reformatted and attached the proposed notices, as requested in Order No. 4.

**II. CONCLUSION**

For the reasons detailed above, Staff recommends that Big Creek provide the attached notice of the new rate, using only the notice pages approved by the ALJ, by March 1, 2023 to be effective on April 1, 2023. Staff respectfully requests the entry of an order consistent with these recommendations.

Dated: February 10, 2023

Respectfully submitted,

**PUBLIC UTILITY COMMISSION OF TEXAS  
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**CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE**

I certify that unless otherwise ordered by the presiding officer, notice of the filing of this document will be provided to all parties of record via electronic mail on February 10, 2023 in accordance with the Second Order Suspending Rules, issued in Project No. 50664.

/s/ Kevin Pierce  
Kevin Pierce

# NOTICE OF APPROVED UTILITY RATE ADJUSTMENT

Utility Name: Megan Estes dba Big Creek West Water Supply  
CCN Number(s):                      Water      13282                      Sewer                      N/A

The rates listed on the next page will apply to service received after the effective date listed on the notice below. This rate was requested by the utility and approved by the Public Utility Commission of Texas based on Texas Water Code § 13.1872, which allows the utility to receive an annual rate adjustment, without a hearing of no more than 5%.

The following public water system(s), sewer system(s), and/or subdivision(s) will be affected by this rate adjustment: Big Creek West Water Supply; PWS ID No. 1470032

Effective Date of Approved Increase: April 1, 2023  
(must be at least 30 days from the date the customers receive notice)

The rate adjustment will apply to all service rendered after the effective date and will be reflected on the bill you receive approximately 30 to 45 days after the effective date.

Address: 254 LCR 909  
City: Jewett  
State/Zip Code: Texas 75846  
Telephone No.: 228-265-2616

Percent of Rate Adjustment: 5%<sup>1</sup>  
Date Notice Delivered: March 1, 2023  
Date Meters Are Read: 30<sup>th</sup> of the month

## Billing Comparison<sup>2</sup>

Charges based on Gallons (G) per Month (mo)

### Water:

Previous			New		
5,000 G	\$37.80	/mo	5,000 G	\$39.69	/mo
10,000 G	\$53.55	/mo	10,000 G	\$56.23	/mo

<sup>1</sup> The Texas Water Code limits the increase to 5%.

<sup>2</sup> The billing comparison only includes minimum monthly charge, block gallonage rate and gallonage rate charges.

# NOTICE OF APPROVED UTILITY RATE ADJUSTMENT

Utility Name: Megan Estes dba Big Creek West Water Supply  
CCN Number(s): Water 13282 Sewer N/A

## WATER

MINIMUM MONTHLY CHARGE (includes 0 gallons)		
Meter Size	Previous Monthly	New Monthly
5/8" X 3/4 "	\$22.05	\$23.15

GALLONAGE CHARGE		
for each additional 1,000 gallons over the minimum		
Previous Tariff Rate	Annual Rate Adjustment	New Tariff Rate
\$3.15	5% <sup>3</sup>	\$3.31

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<sup>3</sup> A 5% rate increase is permitted by Texas Water Code § 13.1872 for a Class D utility without hearing for four out of five calendar years.

# NOTICE OF APPROVED UTILITY RATE ADJUSTMENT

Utility Name: Megan Estes dba Cedar Creek Water Supply  
CCN Number(s):                      Water      13282                      Sewer                      N/A

The rates listed on the next page will apply to service received after the effective date listed on the notice below. This rate was requested by the utility and approved by the Public Utility Commission of Texas based on Texas Water Code § 13.1872, which allows the utility to receive an annual rate adjustment, without a hearing of no more than 5%.

The following public water system(s), sewer system(s), and/or subdivision(s) will be affected by this rate adjustment: Cedar Water Supply; PWS ID No. 1470021, Highlands, Timber Oaks Subdivision

Effective Date of Approved Increase: April 1, 2023  
(must be at least 30 days from the date the customers receive notice)

The rate adjustment will apply to all service rendered after the effective date and will be reflected on the bill you receive approximately 30 to 45 days after the effective date.

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Charges based on Gallons (G) per Month (mo)

### Water:

Previous			New		
5,000 G	\$53.55	/mo	5,000 G	\$56.23	/mo
10,000 G	\$69.30	/mo	10,000 G	\$72.77	/mo

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# NOTICE OF APPROVED UTILITY RATE ADJUSTMENT

Utility Name: Megan Estes dba Cedar Creek Water Supply  
CCN Number(s): Water 13282 Sewer N/A

## WATER

MINIMUM MONTHLY CHARGE (includes 0 gallons)		
Meter Size	Previous Monthly	New Monthly
5/8" X 3/4 "	\$37.80	\$39.69

GALLONAGE CHARGE		
for each additional 1,000 gallons over the minimum		
Previous Tariff Rate	Annual Rate Adjustment	New Tariff Rate
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