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TARIFF CONTROL NO. 54679

APPLICATION OF AQUA TEXAS, INC. FOR 2022 TRUE-UP REPORT AND PASS- THROUGH GALLONAGE CHARGE FOR ITS NORTH REGION	§ § § §	PUBLIC UTILITY COMMISSION OF TEXAS
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**COMMISSION STAFF’S RECOMMENDATION ON SUFFICIENCY, NOTICE, AND
PROCEDURAL SCHEDULE**

I. INTRODUCTION

On February 23, 2023, Aqua Texas, Inc. (Aqua Texas) filed an application regarding the 2022 true-up report filed in compliance with its North Regional tariff and requested a change to \$0.6224 per 1,000 gallons in the regional pass-through gallonage charge, with an effective date of March 1, 2023. Aqua Texas filed supplemental information on March 21, 2023.

On February 24, 2023, the administrative law judge (ALJ) filed Order No. 1, directing the Staff (Staff) of the Public Utility Commission of Texas (Commission) to file a recommendation on the sufficiency of the application and notice, and propose a procedural schedule, if appropriate, by March 27, 2023. Therefore, this pleading is timely filed.

II. ADMINISTRATIVE COMPLETENESS AND NOTICE SUFFICIENCY

Staff has reviewed the application and as detailed in the attached memorandum of Sandra Hale, Rate Regulation Division, recommends that Aqua Texas’ application is sufficient for further review. Staff does not comment on the merits of the application at this time. Staff has reviewed the notice provided by Aqua Texas and recommends that it be deemed sufficient.

III. PROPOSED PROCEDURAL SCHEDULE

Staff proposes the following procedural schedule for further processing:

Event	Date
Deadline for intervention and intervenor comments	May 2, 2023
Deadline for Staff’s final recommendation or request for a hearing	May 30, 2023
Deadline for Aqua Texas to file a response to Staff’s recommendation or to request a hearing	June 13, 2023

If no hearing is requested, deadline for the parties to submit a proposed order that includes findings of fact, conclusions of law, and ordering paragraphs.	June 27, 2023
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IV. CONCLUSION

For the reasons detailed above, Staff respectfully requests that Aqua Texas' application and notice be deemed sufficient and that the above proposed procedural schedule be adopted for continued processing of this matter. Staff respectfully requests the entry of an order consistent with this pleading.

Date: March 27, 2023

Respectfully submitted,

**PUBLIC UTILITY COMMISSION OF TEXAS
LEGAL DIVISION**

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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I certify that unless otherwise ordered by the presiding officer, notice of the filing of this document was provided to all parties of record via electronic mail on March 27, 2023 in accordance with the Second Order Suspending Rules, filed in Project No. 50664.

/s/ *Margaux Fox*
Margaux Fox

Public Utility Commission of Texas

Memorandum

TO: Margaux Fox, Attorney
Legal Division

FROM: Sandra Hale, Regulatory Accountant
Rate Regulation Division

DATE: March 27, 2023

RE: Tariff Control No. 54679 – *Application of Aqua Texas, Inc. for 2022 True-up Report and Pass-through Gallonage Charge for its North Region*

On February 23, 2023, Aqua Texas, Inc. (Aqua), a Class A water utility, filed an application to implement its North Region Regional Pass-Through Gallonage Charge True-up Report (True-up Report) for the completed 2022 calendar year under Certificate of Convenience and Necessity (CCN) No. 13201. Aqua requests approval for a change to \$0.6224 per 1,000 gallons, effective March 1, 2023. The change represents an increase of \$0.1993 per 1,000 gallons from its present charge.

I have conducted an administrative review of the application and notice. Based upon my review of the initial application and supplemental information filed on February 23, 2023, and March 21, 2023, I recommend that the application be deemed administratively complete. I recommend that the notice be found sufficient and in compliance with 16 TAC § 24.25(b)(2)(F).