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APPLICATION OF BRENDA LOPEZ § PUBLIC UTILITY COMMISSION
DBA GREEN ACRES MOBILE HOME §
PARK-RIVERVIEW ESTATES FOR A § OF TEXAS
CLASS D RATE ADJUSTMENT §

NOTICE OF APPROVAL

This Notice of Approval addresses the application of Brenda Lopez dba Green Acres Mobile Home Park-Riverview Estates, a class D utility, for an annual adjustment under Texas Water Code (TWC) § 13.1872 and 16 Texas Administrative Code (TAC) § 24.49. The Commission increases Green Acres’ monthly minimum water charges and gallonage rates by 5%, effective December 15, 2023, for customers served by public water system identification numbers 0710066 and 0710067.

I. Findings of Fact

The Commission makes the following findings of fact.

Applicant

1. Brenda Lopez is an individual doing business as Green Acres Mobile Home Park-Riverview Estates.
2. Green Acres 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 El Paso County under certificate of convenience and necessity number 11785.
3. Green Acres operates two public water systems registered with the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality under identification numbers 0710066 and 0710067.
4. The public water systems operated by Green Acres serve 110 active water connections.

Application

5. On September 19, 2023, Green Acres filed an application for a class D annual rate adjustment of 5%.
6. This application is Green Acres’ third requested class D rate adjustment between base-rate proceedings.

7. On September 20 and October 10, 2023, Green Acres filed supplements to its application.
8. In Order No. 3 filed on October 16, 2023, the administrative law judge (ALJ) found the application, as supplemented, administratively complete and accepted for filing.

Rate Adjustments

9. Green Acres requests a 5% annual rate adjustment to its minimum monthly water charges and gallonage rates.
10. Green Acres current, and Commission Staff’s recommended, minimum monthly water charges, by meter size, and gallonage rate are as follows:

Meter Size	Current Minimum Monthly Charge (Includes 0 Gallons)	Commission Staff’s Recommended Minimum Monthly Charge (Includes 0 Gallons)
5/8” or 3/4”	\$26.08	\$27.38

Current Gallonage Rate (per 1,000 gallons)	Commission Staff’s Recommended Gallonage Rate (per 1,000 gallons)
\$1.63	\$1.71

Tariff

11. On October 19, 2023, Commission Staff filed the proposed water tariff as an attachment to its recommendation on administrative completeness and final disposition.

II. Conclusions of Law

The Commission makes the following conclusions of law.

1. The Commission has authority over the application under TWC § 13.1872.
2. Green Acres is a public utility as defined in TWC § 13.002(23) and a class D utility under TWC § 13.002(4-d).
3. Under TWC § 13.1872(f), Green Acres 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 Green Acres’ minimum monthly water charges 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,¹ and Commission rules.
6. Green Acres demonstrated that it met the requirements of TWC § 13.1872 for approval of the rate adjustment.
7. Under TWC § 13.1872(c)(1), Green Acres must provide notice 30 days before the effective date of the approved changes.
8. Under 16 TAC § 24.49(e), Green Acres must provide notice after it receives a written order by the Commission approving or modifying the application.

III. Ordering Paragraphs

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

1. The Commission increases Green Acres’ minimum monthly water charges and gallonage rates by 5%, effective December 15, 2023, for customers served by public water system identification numbers 0710066 and 0710067.
2. Effective December 15, 2023, Green Acres’ minimum monthly water charges, by meter size, and gallonage rate are as follows:

Meter Size Includes 0 gallons	New Minimum Monthly Charge
5/8” or 3/4”	\$27.38

New Gallonage Rate (per 1,000 gallons)
\$1.71

¹ Tex. Gov’t Code §§ 2001.001-.903.

3. The Commission approves the water tariff attached to Commission Staff's October 19, 2023, recommendation on administrative completeness and final disposition.
4. Within ten days of the date this Notice of Approval is filed, Commission Staff must provide the Commission with a clean copy of Green Acres' water tariff to be stamped *Approved* and retained by Central Records.
5. Green Acres must, by November 15, 2023, 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 December 15, 2023, using the notice attached to Commission Staff's recommendation on administrative completeness and final disposition filed on October 19, 2023.
6. By December 1, 2023, Green Acres must file in this docket proof that notice was provided as specified above.
7. 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 on the 26th day of October 2023.

PUBLIC UTILITY COMMISSION OF TEXAS



REBECCA BROMLEY-WILLIAMS
ADMINISTRATIVE LAW JUDGE