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**MIDWAY'S RESPONSE TO
COMMISSION STAFF'S FIRST RFI**

Staff 1-1 What is the purpose of a "Transfer Fee?" In the tariff, it is currently defined as a charge for "changing an account name at the same service location when the service is not disconnected." However, in the cover letter it is described as a fee "assessed for service initiation among Texas water utilities where a new tap was not required." Please explain.

RESPONSE: The Transfer Fee and the associated definition set forth in Midway's tariff were developed by the Staff of the Public Utility Commission of Texas in the mid-1980s to facilitate a standard description of the charge assessed for service initiation among Texas water utilities where a new tap was not required. Since that time, the Transfer Fee has been used by Midway and other Texas water and wastewater utilities to recover costs incurred to initiate service for a new customer moving into existing premises.

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Staff 1-2 After this proposed minor tariff change, please explain whether there still be a fee for “changing an account name at the same service location when the service is not disconnected.” If so, what will the name of that fee be after the proposed change?

RESPONSE: Midway does not currently charge a fee for changing a name on an existing account, nor will Midway charge such a fee if its proposed minor tariff change is approved. Midway only charges a Service Initiation Fee (currently a “Transfer Fee”) when a new account is established at a service location where a new tap is not required.

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Staff 1-3 Currently, when a customer is changing their name at an address that is currently receiving service, are they charged a deposit fee?

RESPONSE: No.

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Staff 1-4 If the proposed minor tariff change is accepted, under the new definition of "Service Initiation Fee," will a customer who is charged a Service Initiation Fee also be charged a deposit fee?

RESPONSE: If the proposed minor tariff change is accepted, a customer for new service would be charged, in addition to a Service Initiation Fee, a refundable deposit in the amount specified in Midway's approved tariffs and consistent with applicable Commission rules.

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Staff 1-5 Currently, when a customer is charged a Transfer Fee, are they charged an application fee?

RESPONSE: No.

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Staff 1-6 If the proposed minor tariff change is accepted, under the new definition of "Service Initiation Fee," will a customer who is charged a Service Initiation Fee be charged an application fee?

RESPONSE: No.

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