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APPLICATION OF STONETOWN	§	PUBLIC UTILITY COMMISSION
WINDFERN UTILITIES, LLC FOR A	§	
CLASS D RATE ADJUSTMENT	§	OF TEXAS

NOTICE OF APPROVAL

This Notice of Approval addresses the application of Stonetown Windfern Utilities, LLC, 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 Stonetown's minimum monthly water and sewer charges and gallonage rates by 5% effective May 1, 2024.

I. Findings of Fact

The Commission makes the following findings of fact.

Applicant

1. Stonetown is a Delaware limited liability company registered with the Texas secretary of state under filing number 804515854.
2. Stonetown serves 92 active water and sewer connections.
3. Stonetown 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 Harris County under certificate of convenience and necessity (CCN) number 13307.
4. Stonetown owns and operates a public water system registered with the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality (TCEQ) as the Windfern Oaks Wastewater Treatment Plant under identification number 1010566.
5. Stonetown owns and operates for compensation in Texas equipment or facilities for the collection, transportation, treatment, or disposal of sewage for the public in Harris County under CCN number 21135.
6. Stonetown operates a sewer system registered with the TCEQ as Windfern Oaks WWTP under Texas Pollutant Discharge Elimination System permit number WQ0015040001.

Application

7. On January 17, 2024, Stonetown filed an application for a class D annual rate adjustment of 5%.

8. On February 2, 2024, Stonetown filed an amended application.
9. In Order No. 2 filed on February 21, 2024, the administrative law judge found the application, as amended, administratively complete and accepted for filing.
10. This application is Stonetown's first requested class D rate adjustment between base rate proceedings.

Rate Adjustments

11. Stonetown requests a 5% annual rate adjustment to its minimum monthly water and sewer charges and water and sewer gallonage rates.
12. Stonetown's current, and Commission Staff's recommended, minimum monthly water charges, by meter size, and gallonage rate are as follows:

Meter Size (includes 0 gallons)	Current Minimum Monthly Charges	Commission Staff Recommended Minimum Monthly Charges
5/8"	\$ 20.00	\$ 21.00
3/4"	\$ 20.00	\$ 21.00
1"	\$ 50.00	\$ 52.50
1 1/2"	\$100.00	\$105.00
2"	\$160.00	\$168.00
3"	\$300.00	\$315.00
4"	\$500.00	\$525.00
Gallonage Charge	Current Gallonage Rate (per 1,000 gallons over the minimum)	Commission Staff Recommended Gallonage Rate (per 1,000 gallons over the minimum)
	\$2.00	\$2.10

13. Stonetown's current, and Commission Staff's recommended, minimum monthly sewer charges, by meter size, and gallonage rate are as follows:

Meter Size (includes 0 gallons)	Current Minimum Monthly Charges	Commission Staff Recommended Minimum Monthly Charges
5/8"	\$20.00	\$21.00
3/4"	\$20.00	\$21.00
1"	\$20.00	\$21.00
1 1/2"	\$20.00	\$21.00
2"	\$20.00	\$21.00
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	\$2.00	\$2.10

Tariff

14. On March 13, 2024, Commission Staff filed the proposed water and sewer tariffs as attachments to its clarification.

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. Stonetown 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), Stonetown 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 Stonetown's minimum monthly water and sewer 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.

¹ Tex. Gov't Code §§ 2001.001–.903.

6. Stonetown demonstrated that it met the requirements of TWC § 13.1872 for approval of the rate adjustments.
7. Under TWC § 13.1872(c)(1), Stonetown must provide notice 30 days before the effective date of the approved changes.
8. Under 16 TAC § 24.49(f), Stonetown 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 Stonetown's minimum monthly water and sewer charges and gallonage rates by 5%, effective May 1, 2024.
2. Effective May 1, 2024, Stonetown's minimum monthly water charges and gallonage rate are:

Meter Size	Minimum Monthly Charges (includes 0 gallons)
5/8"	\$ 21.00
3/4"	\$ 21.00
1"	\$ 52.50
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2"	\$168.00
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4"	\$525.00
Gallonage Rate (per 1,000 over the minimum)	\$ 2.10

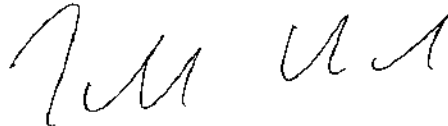
3. Effective May 1, 2024, Stonetown's minimum monthly sewer charges and gallonage rate are:

Meter Size	Minimum Monthly Charges (includes 0 gallons)
5/8"	\$21.00
3/4"	\$21.00
1"	\$21.00
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4"	\$21.00
Gallonage Rate (per 1,000 over the minimum)	\$ 2.10

4. The Commission approves the water and sewer tariffs attached to Commission Staff's March 21, 2024 clarification.
5. Within ten days of the date this Notice of Approval is filed, Commission Staff must provide the Commission with clean copies of the tariffs to be stamped *Approved* and retained by Central Records.
6. Stonetown must, by April 1, 2024, 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 May 1, 2024, using the notice attached to Commission Staff's clarification filed on March 21, 2024.
7. By April 15, 2024, Stonetown must file proof that it 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 on the 27th day of March 2024.

PUBLIC UTILITY COMMISSION OF TEXAS



JEFFREY J. HUHN

ADMINISTRATIVE LAW JUDGE