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<b>APPLICATION OF PINE KNOB</b>	<b>§</b>	<b>PUBLIC UTILITY COMMISSION</b>
<b>ESTATE WATER, INC. FOR A CLASS D</b>	<b>§</b>	
<b>RATE ADJUSTMENT</b>	<b>§</b>	<b>OF TEXAS</b>

**NOTICE OF APPROVAL**

This Notice of Approval addresses the application of Pine Knob Estate Water, Inc., 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 Pine Knob's minimum monthly water charges and gallonage rates by 5%, effective July 20, 2024.

**I. Findings of Fact**

The Commission makes the following findings of fact.

**Applicant**

1. Pine Knob is a Texas corporation registered with the Texas secretary of state under filing number 800104045.
2. Pine Knob serves 134 active water connections.
3. Pine Knob owns and operates for compensation in Texas equipment or facilities for the transmission, storage, distribution, sale, or provision of potable water to the public under certificate of convenience and necessity (CCN) number 12948.

**Application**

4. On April 22, 2024, Pine Knob filed an application for a class D annual rate adjustment of 5%.
5. On April 25, 2024, Pine Knob filed a corrected application.
6. In Order No. 2 filed on May 24, 2024, the administrative law judge found the application, as amended, administratively complete and accepted for filing.
7. This application is Pine Knob's first requested class D rate adjustment between base rate proceedings.

**Rate Adjustments**

8. Pine Knob requests a 5% annual rate adjustment to its minimum monthly water charges and gallonage rates.
9. Pine Knob's current, and Commission Staff's recommended, minimum monthly water charges, by meter size, and gallonage rates are as follows:
  - a. For the Pine Knob subdivision, public water system number 1700652:

<b>Meter Size</b>	<b>Current Minimum Monthly Charge (includes 3,000 gallons)</b>	<b>Commission Staff Recommended Minimum Monthly Charge (includes 3,000 gallons)</b>
1"	\$30.47	\$31.99
<b>Tier</b>	<b>Current Gallonage Rates (per 1,000 gallons)</b>	<b>Commission Staff Recommended Gallonage Rates (per 1,000 gallons)</b>
3,001–4,000 gallons	\$1.52	\$1.60
Over 4,000 gallons	\$2.54	\$2.67

- b. For the Riverton Ranch subdivision, public water system number 1013366:

<b>Meter Size</b>	<b>Current Minimum Monthly Charge (includes 5,000 gallons)</b>	<b>Commission Staff Recommended Minimum Monthly Charge (includes 5,000 gallons)</b>
1"	\$60.94	\$ 63.99
<b>Tier</b>	<b>Current Gallonage Rates (per 1,000 gallons)</b>	<b>Commission Staff Recommended Gallonage Rates (per 1,000 gallons)</b>
5,001–15,000 gallons	\$3.05	\$3.20
Over 15,000 gallons	\$3.81	\$4.00

**Tariff**

10. On May 13, 2024, 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. Pine Knob 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), Pine Knob 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 Pine Knob's 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,<sup>1</sup> and Commission rules.
6. Pine Knob demonstrated that it met the requirements of TWC § 13.1872 for approval of the rate adjustments.
7. Under TWC § 13.1872(c)(1), Pine Knob must provide notice 30 days before the effective date of the approved changes.
8. Under 16 TAC § 24.49(f), Pine Knob 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 Pine Knob's minimum monthly water charges and gallonage rates by 5%, effective July 20, 2024.
2. Effective July 20, 2024, Pine Knob's minimum monthly water charges and gallonage rates are as follows:
  - a. For the Pine Knob subdivision, public water system number 1700652:

Meter Size	Minimum Monthly Charge (includes 3,000 gallons)
1"	\$31.99
Tier	Gallonage Rates (per 1,000 gallons)
3,001–4,000 gallons	\$1.60
Over 4,000 gallons	\$2.67

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<sup>1</sup> Tex. Gov't Code §§ 2001.001–.903.

b. For the Riverton Ranch subdivision, public water system number 1013366:

Meter Size	Minimum Monthly Charge (includes 5,000 gallons)
1"	\$ 63.99
Tier	Gallage Rates (per 1,000 gallons)
5,001–15,000 gallons	\$3.20
Over 15,000 gallons	\$4.00

3. The Commission approves the water tariff attached to Commission Staff's May 13, 2024 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 the tariff to be stamped *Approved* and retained by Central Records.
5. Pine Knob must, by June 20, 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 July 20, 2024, using the notice attached to Commission Staff's recommendation on administrative completeness and final disposition filed on May 13, 2024.
6. By June 27, 2024, Pine Knob must file proof that it provided notice 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 28th day of May 2024.**

**PUBLIC UTILITY COMMISSION OF TEXAS**



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**ERIC YOON**  
**ADMINISTRATIVE LAW JUDGE**