

WATER SUPPLY CORPORATION (WSC) TARIFF

Adopted by Board on: 5/8/24

PUC Docket Number: 55685

Amon Carter Lake Water Supply

(Utility Name)

Bowie, TX 76230

(City, State, Zip Code)

607-A Lindsey St

(Business Address)

(940) 872-5505

(Area Code/Telephone)

This tariff is effective for utility operations under the following Certificate of Convenience and Necessity: 12793

This tariff is effective in the following counties:

Montague County, Texas

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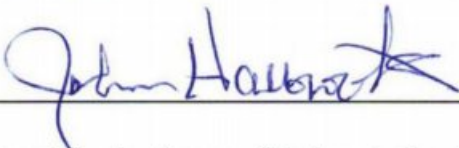
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SECTION 1. RESOLUTIONS

THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF _Amon Carter Lake WATER SUPPLY CORPORATION ESTABLISHES THAT:

1. This Tariff of the Amon Carter Lake Water Supply Corporation, serving in Montague County is adopted and enacted as the current regulations and policies effective as of MAY 8, 2024
2. Only those preexisting written contracts or agreements executed by the present or previous Board of Directors shall remain in effect, unless the contract or agreement requires compliance with changes of the tariff from time to time.
3. The adoption (or revisions) of this tariff does not prohibit or limit the Corporation from enforcing previous penalties or assessments from before the current effective date.
4. An official copy of this and all policies or records shall be available during regular office hours of the Corporation and a copy may be viewed on the Corporation's website. The Secretary of the Corporation shall maintain the original copy as approved and all previous copies for exhibit.
5. Rules and regulations of state or federal agencies having jurisdiction shall supersede any terms of this policy. If any section, paragraph, sentence, clause, phrase, word, or words of this policy are declared unconstitutional or invalid for any purpose, the remainder of this policy shall not be affected.
6. This tariff has been adopted (revised) in compliance with the Open Meetings Act, Chapter 551 of the Texas Government Code.

PASSED and APPROVED this 8 day of May, 2024



President, Amon Carter Lake Water Supply Corporation

SECTION 2. STATEMENTS

- 1. *Organization.*** The Amon Carter Lake Water Supply Corporation ("Corporation" or "WSC") is a member-owned, non-profit corporation incorporated pursuant to the Texas Water Code Chapter 67, and the provisions of the Texas Business Organizations Code applicable to member owned member controlled non-profit corporations for the purpose of furnishing potable water. Corporation operating policies, rates, and regulations are adopted by the Board of Directors elected by the Members of the Corporation.
- 2. *Non-Discrimination Policy.*** Membership in the Corporation and service is provided to all Applicants who comply with the provisions of this Tariff regardless of race, creed, color, national origin, sex, disability, or marital status.
- 3. *Policy and Rule Application.*** These policies, rules, and regulations apply to the water services provided by the Corporation. Failure on the part of the Member, Customer, or Applicant to observe these policies, rules and regulations gives the Corporation the authority to deny or discontinue service according to the terms of this Tariff as amended from time to time by the Board of Directors of the Corporation.
- 4. *Corporation Bylaws.*** The Corporation Members have adopted bylaws which establish the make-up of the Board of Directors and other important regulations of the Corporation. The bylaws are on file at the Corporation's office.
- 5. *Information Disclosure.*** The records of the Corporation shall be kept in the Corporation office in Bowie, Texas. All information collected, assembled, or maintained by or for the Corporation shall be disclosed to the public in accordance with the Texas Public Information Act. **In no event and under no circumstances shall the Corporation disclose the Social Security Number of any member or customer to any person other than an employee of the Corporation.** An individual customer may request in writing that their address, telephone number, and account records be kept confidential. Such confidentiality does not prohibit the utility from disclosing this information to an official or employee of the state or a political subdivision of the state acting in an official capacity or an employee of the Corporation acting in connection with the employee's duties. Further, such confidentiality does not prohibit the Corporation from disclosing the name and address of each member entitled to vote on a list to be made available to the Corporation's voting members, or their agents or attorneys, in connection with a meeting of the Corporation's members. The Corporation shall give its applicants and customers notice of rights to confidentiality under this policy and all prevailing associated fees for such request.
- 6. *Customer Notice Provisions.*** The Corporation shall give written notice of monthly

rate changes by mail or hand delivery to all consumers at least 30 days prior to the effective date of the new rate. The notice shall contain the old rates, new rates, effective date of the new rate, date of Board authorization, and the name and phone number of the Corporation's contact person designated to address inquiries about the rate change.

7. Grievance Procedures. Any Member of the Corporation or individual demonstrating an interest under the policies of this Tariff in becoming a Member of the Corporation shall have an opportunity to voice concerns or grievances to the Corporation by the following means and procedures:

- a. By presentation of concerns to the Corporation's manager or authorized staff member. If not resolved to the satisfaction of the aggrieved party then,
- b. By presenting a letter to the Board of Directors stating the individual's grievance or concern and the desired result.
- c. The Board of Directors shall respond to the complaint by communicating the Board's decision in writing.
- d. Any charges or fees contested as a part of the complaint in review by the Corporation under this policy shall be suspended until a satisfactory review and final decision has been made by the Board of Directors.

8. Customer Service Inspections. The Corporation requires that a customer service inspection certification be completed prior to providing continuous water service to new construction and for all new members as part of the activation of standard and some non-standard service. Customer service inspections are also required on any existing service when the Corporation has reason to believe that cross-connections or other potential contaminant hazards exist, or after any material improvement, correction or addition to the members' water distribution facilities. This inspection is limited to the identification and prevention of cross connections, potential contaminant hazards and illegal lead materials. (30 TAC 290.46(j))

9. Prohibition Against Resell of Water. The meter connection is for the sole use of the Member or customer and is to provide service to only one (1) dwelling or one (1) business. Extension of pipe(s) to share or resell water to any other persons, dwellings, businesses, or property, etc., is prohibited.

SECTION 3. DEFINITIONS

Active Service – The status of any Member receiving authorized service under the provisions of this Tariff.

Active Connection – Water connections currently being used to provide retail water or wholesale service.

Applicant – A person, partnership, cooperative corporation, corporation, agency, public or private organization of any type applying for service with the Amon Carter Lake Water Supply Corporation. A person must have reached age of majority (18) in Texas to apply for service. (Section 129.001, Civil Practice & Remedies Code)

Base Rate – The monthly charge assessed each Member/Customer for the opportunity of receiving service.

Board of Directors – The governing body elected by the Members of the Amon Carter Lake Water Supply Corporation that is vested with the management of the affairs of the Corporation. (Section 22.001(1), Texas Business Organizations Code)

Bylaws – The rules pertaining to the governing of the Amon Carter Lake Water Supply Corporation adopted by the Corporation Members. (Section 22.001(2), Texas Business Organizations Code)

Certificate(s) of Convenience and Necessity (CCN) – The authorization granted under Chapter 13 Subchapter G of the Texas Water Code for Amon Carter Lake Water Supply Corporation to provide water and/or sewer utility service within a defined territory. Amon Carter Lake Water Supply Corporation has been issued Certificate Number(s) 12793. Territory defined in the CCN shall be the Certificated Service Area.

Corporation – The Amon Carter Lake Water Supply Corporation.

Developer – Any person, partnership, cooperative corporation, corporation, agency, or public or private organization who subdivides land or requests more than water service connections on a single contiguous tract of land [as defined in Section 13.2502 (e)(1) of the Texas Water Code].

Disconnection of Service – The discontinuance of water service by the Corporation to a Member/Customer.

Easement – A private perpetual dedicated right-of-way for the installation of water pipelines and necessary facilities which allows access to property for future operation, maintenance, facility replacement, facility upgrades, and/or installation of additional pipelines (if applicable) for both service to an Applicant and system-wide service. This may also include restrictions on the adjacent area to limit the installation of sewer lines or other facilities that would restrict the use of any area of the easement. The easement will be filed in the real property records of the appropriate county or counties.

Final Plat – A complete plan for the subdivision of a tract of land showing or referencing Local Tax Appraisal Maps, access to public road(s), number and size of lots, location of dedicated water/sewer easements, and location(s) of lakes, streams, or rivers through the property. The Amon Carter Lake Water Supply Corporation shall determine if a plat submitted for the purpose of this Tariff shall qualify as a final plat. For purposes of evaluating Subdivision service requests under Section 7. the Corporation may accept preliminary plats or plats awaiting final approval pending execution of agreement for service by the Corporation.

Hazardous Condition – A condition that jeopardizes the health and welfare of the Members/Consumers of the Corporation as determined by the Corporation or regulatory authority.

Inactive Connection - Water connection tapped to the applicant's utility and that are not currently receiving service from the utility.

Indication of Interest Fee – A fee paid by a potential Member of the Corporation for the purpose of determining the feasibility of a construction and /or expansion project. The Indication of Interest Fee may be converted to a Membership Fee upon determination that service to the Applicant is feasible and available. This also applies to applicants applying for, or receiving, Temporary Service

Installation Fee - A fee charged for all costs necessary for installation of the type of service requested.

Liquidated Membership – A Membership that has been canceled due to delinquent charges or for other reasons as specified in this Tariff.

Member – Any person, partnership, cooperative corporation, corporation, agency, or public or private organization who holds a membership in the Corporation and who is a record owner of fee simple title to the property in an area served by the water supply corporation or a person who is granted a membership and who either currently receives or will be eligible to receive water service from the corporation. The member shall be qualified for service and been certified as a member in accordance with the Corporation's Tariff. (Texas Water Code Section 13.002(11), Texas Water Code Section 67.016(d))

Membership – A non-interest-bearing stock or right of participation purchased from the Corporation evidencing a member's interest in the Corporation. Texas Business Organizations Code Sections 22.053, 22.151(c))

Membership Fee – A fee qualified as such under the terms of the tariff and the bylaws of the Corporation assigned to the real estate designated to receive service. The membership fee shall be refundable upon termination of service and surrendering the Membership. The membership fee cannot be more than 12 times the minimum monthly base rate. (16 TAC Section 24.3(26) Definitions, Texas Water Code Section 13.043(g))

Public Utility Commission (PUC) – State regulatory agency having jurisdiction over water and sewer service utilities and appellate jurisdiction over the rates and fees charged by Non-Profit Water and Sewer Service Corporations

Proof of Ownership – For the purpose of this tariff, applicants for service and membership shall provide proof of ownership of the real estate to be served by deed of trust, warranty deed, or other recorded documentation.

Renter – A consumer who rents or leases property from a Member or who may otherwise be termed a tenant.

Re-Service – Providing service to an Applicant at a location for which service previously existed and where there is an existing setting for a meter. Costs of such re-servicing shall be based on justifiable expenses in connection with such re-servicing.

Service Application and Agreement – A written agreement between the Member/Applicant and the Corporation defining the specific type of service requirements requested on the current service application and agreement form, and the responsibilities of each party required before service is furnished.

Service Investigation Fee – A fee for costs associated with determining if service is available and determining cost of service.

Service Unit – The base unit of service used in facilities design and rate making. For the purpose of this Tariff, a service unit is a 5/8" X 3/4", or in rare occurrences, 1" water meter.

Subdivide – To divide the surface area of land into lots or tracts intended primarily for residential use. (Texas Local Government Code Section 232.021(11))

Subdivider – An individual, firm, corporation, or other legal entity that owns any interest in land and that directly or indirectly subdivides land into lots as a part of a common promotional plan in the ordinary course of business. (See also, Texas Local Government Code Section 212.012(i)(2) & 232.021(12) Definitions)

Subdivision – An area of land that has been subdivided into lots or tracts. (Local Government Code Section 232.021(13) Definitions)

Tap fee – all current labor and materials necessary to provide individual metered water service.

Tariff – The operating policies, service rules, service extension policy, service rates, water use restriction policies, sample application packet, and miscellaneous transaction forms adopted by the Board of Directors. A copy of this Board approved tariff is on file

at the Corporation office and as required by law at the State office of the PUC.

Texas Commission on Environmental Quality (TCEQ) – State regulatory agency having jurisdiction over drinking water, water supply and water quality issues for Non-Profit Water and Sewer Service Corporations.

Transfer Fee - A fee assessed by the Corporation for costs associated with transferring membership.

Transferee – An Applicant receiving a Amon Carter Lake WSC Membership by legal means from a Transferor desiring to forfeit and transfer current rights of Membership to another person or entity. (Texas Water Code Section 67.016)

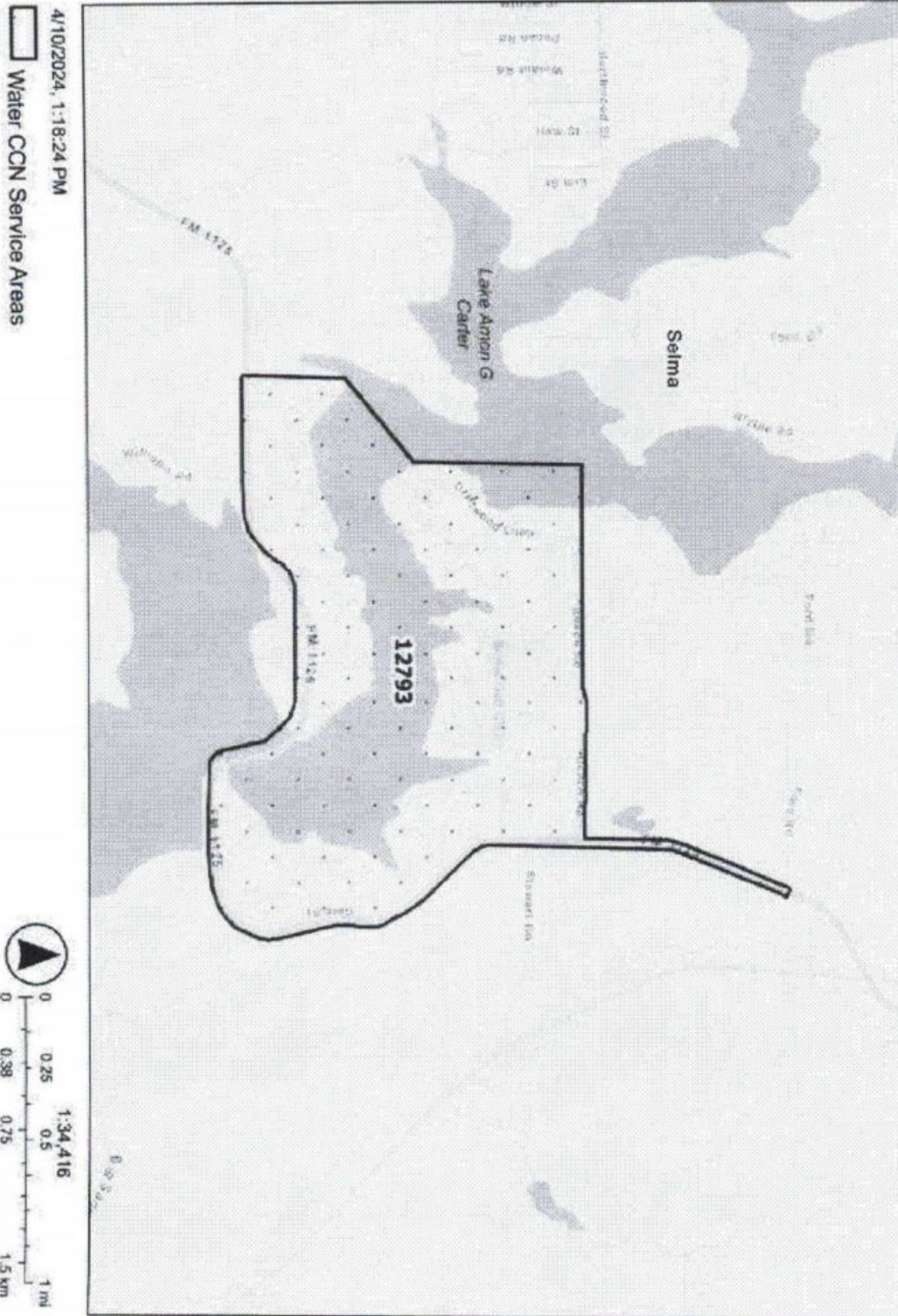
Transferor – A Member who transfers Membership by legal means to another person or entity desiring to qualify for service at a property for which the Membership is currently issued or to the Corporation. (Texas Water Code, Section 67.016)

Usage – Amount billed for water service based on actual or estimated usage.

1. **Actual Usage** – Amount billed or to be collected based on actual meter reading.
2. **Estimated Usage** – Amount billed or to be collected based on either the member's historical average usage for the prior month or for the same month of the prior year where date is available. (See PUC Rules 16 TAC §24.87(i) regarding estimated bills.)

Water Conservation Penalty – A penalty that may be assessed to enforce customer / member water conservation practices during drought contingency or emergency water demand circumstances. (Texas Water Code Section 67.011 (b)).

SECTION 4: MAP OF CERTIFICATE OF CONVENIENCE AND NECESSITY AREA



AMON CARTER LAKE WSC

CERTIFICATE OF CONVENIENCE AND NECESSITY

To Provide (Water and/or Sewer) Service Under Texas Water Code
and Public Utility Commission Substantive Rules

CCN No. 12793

I. CCN Holder: Amon Carter Lake Water Supply Corp

Name: Amon Carter Lake Water Supply Corp

Address: 607-A Lindsay St., Bowie, TX 76230

II. General Description and Location of Service Area:

Rural, see map

III. Certificate Maps:

The certificate holder is authorized to provide (water) service in the area(s) identified on the Commission's official service area map, maintained in the offices of the Public Utility Commission, 701 N. Congress Avenue, PO Box 13326, Austin, TX 78711-3326 with all attendant privileges and obligations.

This certificate is issued under and subject to the rules and orders of the Commission, the laws of the State of Texas, conditions contained herein and may be revoked for violations thereof. The certificate is valid until amended or revoked by the Commission.

SECTION 5. SERVICE RULES AND REGULATIONS

1. Standard Service.

- a. **New Tap** – The Corporation shall charge a non-refundable service installation fee as required under this tariff. The service installation fee shall be quoted in writing to the Applicant. Any debt owed to the Corporation and all fees shall be paid or a deferred payment contract signed in advance of installation. (16 TAC 24.86 (a)(1)(A))
- b. **Performance of Work** – All tap and equipment installations specified by the Corporation shall be completed by the Corporation staff or designated representative after all requirements for service have been met.
- c. **Inspection of Customer Service Facilities** – The property of the Applicant/Member shall be inspected to ensure compliance with state required Minimum Acceptable Operating Practices for Public Drinking Water Systems as promulgated by the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality or successor agency. The customer must, at his or her expense, properly install, inspect, test, maintain and provide all required documentation of any approved backflow prevention device required by the Corporation. (30 TAC 290.46(j); Section I. Service Application and Agreement)

2. Activation of Non-Standard Service. Activation of Non-Standard Service shall be conducted as prescribed by terms of Section 7 of this Tariff.

3. Rates and Payment Application

- a. The Base Rate is for the billing period from the ~1st day of the month to the ~1st day of the following month. Charges shall be prorated for meter installations and service termination's falling during the billing period. Billings for this amount shall be mailed on or about the 5th of the month preceding the month for which this charge is due. All services shall be subject to this charge whether the service is in use by the Member.
- b. Gallonage Charge shall be billed at the rate specified in Section 6 and billing shall be calculated in one hundred (100) gallon increments. Water charges are based on monthly meter readings and are calculated from reading date to reading date. Readings used in all billing calculations shall be taken by the Corporation's employees or designated representative.
- c. Posting of Payments – All payments shall be posted against previous balances and late fees prior to posting against current billings.
- d. Forms of Payment: The Corporation will accept the following forms of payment: cash, personal check, cashier's check, money order, automatic debit

on customer's bank account, or draft on bank. The Corporation will not accept two-party checks, pay checks, or any other instrument of payment that is not made out to the Corporation. The Corporation reserves the right to require exact change and may refuse to accept payments made using more than \$1.00 in coins.

4. Deferred Payment Agreement. The Corporation may offer a deferred payment plan to a Member or rental tenant who cannot pay an outstanding balance in full and is willing to pay the balance in reasonable installments as determined by the Corporation, including any Late Penalty Fees or interest on the monthly balance to be determined as per agreement. Failure to make required and timely payments as provided in any deferred payment agreement will void that agreement and service will be discontinued. The Corporation may consider another deferred payment agreement provided payments will be made by automatic bank draft. Non-payment of any amount under an additional deferred payment agreement will cause service to be disconnected immediately and service will not be restored until the account is paid in full and all other charges resulting from the disconnection of service are fully paid. In the event the requestor is a tenant of rental property the Corporation shall notify the owner/member of the deferred payment agreement.

5. Denial of Service. The Corporation may deny service for any of the following reasons:

- a.* Failure of the Applicant or Transferee to complete all application requirements, including granting an easement, completing all forms, and paying all required fees and charges;
- b.* Failure of the Applicant or Transferee to comply with rules, regulations, policies, and bylaws of the Corporation;
- c.* Existence of a hazardous condition at the Applicant's property which would jeopardize the welfare of the Members/Users of the Corporation upon connection;
- d.* Failure of Applicant or Transferee to provide representatives or employees of the Corporation reasonable access to property, for which service has been requested;
- e.* Failure of Applicant or Transferee to comply with all governmental rules and regulations of the Corporation's tariff on file with the state regulatory agency governing the service applied for by the Applicant;
- f.* Failure of Applicant or Transferee to provide proof of ownership, to the satisfaction of the Corporation, of property for which the tap has been requested;

- g. Applicant's service facilities are known to be inadequate or of such character that satisfactory service cannot be provided;
- h. Failure of Applicant or transferee to comply with applicable regulations for on-site sewage disposal systems if the Corporation has been requested to deny service by the TCEQ or the TCEQ's designated representative under Chapter 366 of the Texas Health and Safety Code;
- i. Failure of the Applicant or Transferee to pay any previous outstanding delinquent account(s) in full. This could be delinquencies resulting from the same account location or other service location(s) within the system where the Applicant or Transferee received service.

6. Disconnection of Service Rules -The following describes the rules and conditions for disconnection of service. Notwithstanding any language to the contrary in the Service Application and Agreement Form, the Corporation may only discontinue service for the reasons set forth in this Section.

a. Disconnection with Notice – Water utility service may be disconnected for any of the following reasons after proper notification has been given.

- 1) Returned Checks – The Corporation shall mail, via the U.S. Postal Service, a notice requiring redemption of the returned instrument within ten (10) days of the date of the notice to be made in the Corporation office. Redemption of the returned instrument shall be made by cash, money order, or certified check. Failure to meet these terms shall initiate disconnection of service. Any such instruments returned as insufficient or non-negotiable for any reason for any two billing periods within a 12-month period shall be considered evidence of bad credit risk by the Corporation. The Member/Customer in violation shall be placed on a "cash-only" basis for a period of 12 months. **NOTE:** "cash only," means certified check, money order, or cash.
- 2) Failure to pay a delinquent account for utility service, or failure to comply with the terms of a deferred payment agreement.
- 3) Violation of the Corporation's rules pertaining to the use of service in a manner which interferes with the service of others or the operation of non-standard equipment if a reasonable attempt has been made to notify the Member and the Member is provided with a reasonable opportunity to remedy the situation.
- 4) Failure of the Member to comply with the terms of the Corporation's Service Agreement, Tariff, Bylaws, or Special Contract provided that the Corporation has given notice of said failure to comply, and Member has failed to comply

within a specified amount of time after notification.

- 5) Failure to provide access or hindering access to the meter or to property at which water service is received when there is reason to believe that a hazardous condition or policy violation exists for which access is necessary to verify. Conditions that may hinder access include, but are not limited to, fences with locked gates, vehicles or objects placed on top of meters or meter boxes, and unrestrained animals.
- 6) Misrepresentation by any Applicant or Transferee of any fact on any form, document, or other agreement required to be executed by the Corporation.
- 7) Failure of Member to re-apply for service upon notification by the Corporation that Member no longer meets the terms of the service classification originally applied for under the original service application.
- 8) Cancellation of membership by Member on an account that the Member holds for water service to the Member's renter/lessee, even if the renter/lessee has kept the account balance current under an Alternate Billing Agreement. (Note: The cancellation of membership must be in writing and signed by the Member. CORPORATION ASSUMES NO LIABILITY TO RENTER/LESSEE; MEMBER IS SOLELY RESPONSIBLE FOR COMPLIANCE WITH, AND LIABILITY UNDER ANY FEDERAL, STATE OR LOCAL LAW CREATING OR PROTECTING RIGHTS OF RENTERS/LESSEES.)
- 9) Violation of any applicable regulation or pertaining to on-site sewage disposal systems if the Corporation has been requested in writing to disconnect service by the TCEQ or the TCEQ's designated representative under Chapter 366 of the Texas Health and Safety Code.
- 10) Failure to pay charges arising from service trip fee as defined in Section 6., meter re-read fee, or meter read fee when customer on self-read plan failed to submit their meter reading.
- 11) Failure by a Member to pay for all repair or replacement costs resulting from the Member damaging system facilities including, but not limited to water service taps, meter boxes, valves, or meters by engaging in activities such as property excavations, installment of a driveway or roadway requiring encasements, lowering or re-routing of lines or system components, or by any other action. The Corporation will provide the /Member with notice detailing the extent of the damage, the location of the damage, the cost of repair, and whether the damage occurred on private property or on a public right-of-way. Failure to pay the cost of repair or replacement will result in the /Member's service being disconnected in accordance with the Disconnection with Notice Provisions in this Section. Service will remain disconnected until payment is received, or an acceptable payment plan is

approved.

- 12) Failure to disconnect or secure additional service tap(s) for an RV or other service connection after notification by the Corporation of violation of the Prohibition of Multiple Connections.

b. Disconnection Without Notice – Water utility service may be disconnected without notice for any of the following conditions:

- a. A known dangerous or hazardous condition exists for which service may remain disconnected for as long as the condition exists, including but not limited to a public health nuisance as defined in Texas Health and Safety Code Sections 341.011 or 343.011. If there is reason to believe a dangerous or hazardous condition exists, the Corporation may conduct a customer service inspection (CSI) to verify the hazardous condition and may notify the local county health office. The Corporation will disconnect without notice if the Member refuses to allow access for the purpose of confirming the existence of such condition and/or removing the dangerous or hazardous condition (30 TAC 290.46(i) and 290.46(j)). Service will be restored when a CSI confirms no health hazard exists, the health hazard has been removed or repaired, or the health hazard has been isolated from the Corporation's water system by the installation of a backflow prevention device.
- b. A line leak on the member's side of the meter is considered a potential hazardous condition. If the Corporation conducts a CSI and discovers that the line leak has created a hazardous condition, the Corporation will provide the member up to five (5) business days, or another time period determined reasonable under the circumstances, to repair the line prior to disconnection of service.
- c. Service is connected without authority by a person/entity who has not made application for service or who has reconnected service without authority following termination of service for nonpayment; and
- d. In instances of tampering with the Corporation's meter tap or equipment, by-passing the meter or equipment, or other diversion of water service.
NOTE: Where reasonable, given the nature of the reason for disconnection, a written statement providing notice of disconnection and the reason therefore shall be posted at the place of common entry or upon the front door of each affected residential unit as soon as possible after service has been disconnected.

c. Disconnection Prohibited – Utility service may **not** be disconnected for any of the following reasons:

1) Failure of the Member to pay for merchandise or charges for non-utility service provided by the Corporation, unless an agreement exists between the Applicant and the Corporation whereby the Member guarantees payment of non-utility service as a condition of service;

2) Failure of the Member to pay for a different type or class of utility service unless a fee for such service is included in the same bill;

3) Failure of the Member to pay charges arising from an underbilling occurring due to any misapplication of rates more than six (6) months prior to the current billing;

4) Failure of the Member to pay the account of another Member as guarantor thereof, unless the Corporation has in writing the guarantee as a condition precedent to service;

5) Failure of the Member to pay charges arising from an underbilling due to any faulty metering, unless the meter has been tampered with

6) Failure of the Member to pay estimated bill other than a bill rendered pursuant to an approved meter reading plan, unless the Corporation is unable to read the meter due to circumstances beyond its control.

- d. **Disconnection on Holidays and Weekends** – Unless a dangerous condition exists or the Member requests disconnection, service shall not be disconnected on a day, or on a day preceding a day when personnel of the Corporation are not available to the public for the purpose of making collections and reconnecting service.
- e. **Disconnection Due to Utility Abandonment** – The Corporation may not abandon a Member or a Certificated Service Area without written notice to its Members and all similar neighboring utilities and approval from the PUC.
- f. **Disconnection for Ill Customers** – The Corporation may not discontinue service to a delinquent residential Member or tenant under an alternative billing agreement permanently residing in an individually metered dwelling unit when that Member or tenant establishes that discontinuance of service will result in some person at that residence becoming seriously ill or more seriously ill if service is discontinued. To avoid disconnection under these circumstances, the Member or tenant must provide a written statement from a physician to the Corporation prior to the stated date of disconnection. Service may be disconnected if the next month's bill and the past due bill are not paid by the due date of the next month's bill, unless the Member or tenant enters into a Deferred Payment Agreement. The Corporation shall provide notice to an owner of rental property in the event a tenant requests service not be discontinued due to illness as per this subsection.

7. Due Dates, Delinquent Bills, and Service Disconnection Date.

- a. The Corporation shall mail all bills on or about the 4th of the month. All bills are considered the responsibility of each person signing the Service Application and Agreement Form. All bills shall be due and payable upon receipt and are past due beyond the date indicated on the bill (allowing approximately fifteen (15) days to pay), after which time a penalty shall be applied as described in Section 6. The time for payment by a political subdivision may be different than your regular due date. (See Texas Government Code 2251.021) A bill is delinquent if not paid on or before the past due date. Payments made by mail will be considered late if postmarked after the past due date. A 6 day grace period may then be allowed for delayed payments prior to mailing of final notices. Final notices shall be mailed allowing ten (10) additional days for payment prior to disconnection. The ten (10) additional days shall begin on the day the final notice is deposited with the U.S. Postal Service with sufficient postage. If the past due date for the regular or final billing is on a weekend or holiday, the past due date for payment purposes shall be the next day the Corporation office is open for business after said weekend or holiday. For all disputed payment deadlines, the date postmarked on each bill will determine the beginning of each billing cycle or final notice mailings.
- b. The board of directors or general manager may elect to not charge a late fee or disconnect fee in accordance with this Tariff during or after the occurrence of a natural disaster or other incident that impacts the property of members or interrupts the management and operation of the system.
- c. Upon written request, any residential customer 60 years of age or older who occupies the entire premises of a dwelling receiving water utility service from the Corporation shall receive extension of the past due date, without penalty. The extension shall not exceed 10 days beyond the usual 15-day payment period for a total of no more than 25 days from the date the bill is issued. The request may specify extension of the late payment periods for current and subsequent billings. (Texas Utilities Code Sections 182.001 - 182.005) If this request originates from a tenant at a rental property the owner / member will be notified in writing of any extension request.
- d. All insufficient fund checks, accounts closed or money orders that have had a "stop payment order" issued for payment of a water bill will be deemed delinquent as if no payment was received and the meter is subject to disconnection with notice on the regular disconnection day.

8. Members and Renters. Any Member having complied with the requirements of this Tariff, renting or leasing property designated to receive service according to the terms of this tariff to other parties, is responsible for all charges due the Corporation. The membership for rental or leased properties shall be in the name

of the Member as required by this Tariff. The Corporation may bill the renter or lessee for utility service (at Member Request) as a third party, but the Member is fully responsible for any and all unpaid bills left by the renter/lessee. The Member shall be required to sign an Alternate Billing Agreement if the Member requests that the tenant be billed for utility service. The Member shall take responsibility for any necessary deposits from the renter/lessee to ensure payment of a past due bill. The Corporation will notify the Member of the renter's past due payment status. Such notification will be subject to a service charge.

If at any time the member requests that membership be canceled thereby discontinuing service to an occupied rental property, the Corporation shall provide written notice to the tenant(s) a minimum of five (5) days prior to the scheduled disconnection date.

9. Membership.

- a. **Eligibility** - Eligibility for Membership shall not guarantee service to the Applicant or Transferee; however, qualification for service is a prerequisite to Membership eligibility for new Applicants or continued Membership for Transferees.
- b. **Membership** - Upon qualification for service, qualification for Membership, payment of the required fees, and any debt owed to the Corporation, the Corporation shall certify the Applicant as a Member. The Membership shall entitle the Member to one (1) connection to the Corporation's water/sewer utility service and one (1) share of Corporation Stock. The Membership entitles the Member to one (1) vote in the election of directors and in such other matters requiring the approval of the Corporation's Members at any Annual or Special Membership Meeting of the Corporation as prescribed by the Corporation Bylaws. Ownership of more than one (1) Membership shall not authorize the Member to cast more than one (1) vote at any annual or special meeting. Each Membership and Stock thereby represented may be assigned to the specified parcel of land originally designated to receive service at the time of application. (Texas Water Code Section 67.016)
- c. **Transfers of Membership.** - (Texas Water Code Section 67.016)
 - 1) A Member is entitled to transfer Membership in the Corporation only under the following circumstances:
 - (a) The Membership is transferred by will to a person related to the Transferor within the second degree by consanguinity; or
 - (b) The Membership is transferred without compensation to a person related to the Transferor within the second degree by consanguinity; or

- (c) The Membership is transferred without compensation or by sale to the Corporation; or
 - (d) The Membership is transferred as a part of the conveyance of real estate from which the Membership arose.
- 2) In the event that Membership is transferred such transfer shall not be completed or recorded on the books and records of the Corporation until such time as the transferor has provided satisfactory evidence to the Corporation of such transfer. A transfer of Membership shall be considered a new application for service and is not binding on the Corporation until such transfer has been approved.
- 3) Qualifications for service upon transfer of Membership shall be subject to approval of the Corporation and shall be recorded on the books and records of the Corporation only upon the following terms and conditions:
 - (a) The Transferee has completed the required Application Packet including granting the Corporation with a private utility easement on the form provided by the Corporation;
 - (b) The membership has not been fully or partially liquidated; and
 - (c) The Transferee demonstrates satisfactory evidence of ownership of the property designated to receive service and from which the Membership originally arose.
- 4). If the application packet and other information is not completed on the day transfer of membership is requested the corporation will give the transferee written notice of 10 additional days to produce completed documentation to the corporation office. Service will be disconnected on the day following the 10th day according to disconnection with notice requirements. Additional time may be allowed at the directions of the manager or board.
- d. **Cancellation of Membership** – To keep a Membership in good standing, a Base Rate must be paid monthly to the Corporation, whether or not water is used. Failure to pay this monthly charge to the Corporation shall jeopardize the Member’s Membership standing and give rise to liquidation of the Membership Fee and forfeiture of the Membership. A Member may be relieved of this obligation to pay by surrendering the Membership, properly documented, to the Corporation. The Member shall also complete a Service Discontinuance Request Form prior to termination of service. However, a Member is not relieved of any obligations incurred prior to the date of surrender of a properly endorsed Membership prior to termination of service. Rights to future service at this tap shall be extended on an as-available basis. (Texas Water Code Section 67.016)

- e. **Liquidation Due To Delinquency** –When the amount of the delinquent charges owed by the Member equals the Membership Fee, the Membership Fee shall be liquidated and the Membership canceled and transferred back to the Corporation. In the event the Member leaves a balance due on an account guaranteed under the terms of a Service Application and Agreement, and the delinquent Member owns more than one Membership, the Corporation may liquidate as many of the Member Guarantor’s Membership Fees as necessary to satisfy the balance due the Corporation, provided proper notice has been given. The Corporation shall collect any remaining account balances by initiation of legal action.
- f. **Cancellation Due To Policy Non-Compliance** – The Corporation may cancel a Membership anytime a Member fails to comply with policies of the Corporation, including but not limited to Member’s failure to provide proof of ownership of the property from which the Membership arose. (Texas Water Code Section 67.016)
- g. **Re-assignment of Canceled Membership.**
- 1) The Corporation, upon cancellation of Membership under the provisions of this Tariff, may re-assign the canceled Membership to a person or entity that has legal title to the real estate from which the canceled membership arose and for which water or sewer service is requested (Texas Water Code Section 67.016). Membership will not be re-assigned unless the person or entity that has legal title to the real estate has complied with the corporation’s current rates, charges, and conditions of service, including current membership fee, set forth in the tariff and service application package.
 - 2) The Corporation shall reassign a canceled Membership to a person or entity that acquires the real estate from which the Membership arose through judicial or nonjudicial foreclosure. The Corporation will require proof of ownership resulting from the foreclosure and compliance with the corporation’s current rates, charges, and conditions of service, including current membership fee, set forth in the tariff and service application package. In the event of foreclosure by a mortgage institution, the Corporation may allow a property management company to acquire the Membership if the management company provides written documentation showing that the management company is legally responsible for the management of the property and it is not feasible for the mortgage institution to be the Member.
- h. **Cancellation and Re-Assignment of Membership as a Result of Divorce (or Dissolution of Joint Tenancy)** – The Corporation shall transfer the membership to a spouse (or joint tenant) who has been awarded the property designated to receive service. The Corporation must be provided adequate documentation of the ownership rights of the spouse (or joint tenant) requesting

transfer, such as final divorce decree, temporary court order, or agreement. In no event shall any membership(s) be transferred if the transferee does not otherwise meet the qualifications for membership and for service.

10. Member's Responsibility.

- a. The Member shall provide access to the meter tap location as per the easement and service agreement. If access to the meter is hindered or denied preventing the reading of the meter, an estimated bill shall be rendered to the Member for the month; and a notice shall be sent to the effect that access could not be gained. If access is denied for three (3) consecutive months after proper notification to the Member, then service shall be discontinued and the meter removed with no further notice. Conditions that may hinder access include, but are not limited to, fences with locked gates, vehicles or objects placed on top of meters or meter boxes, and unrestrained animals.
- b. The Member shall be responsible for compliance with all utility, local, and state codes, requirements, and regulations concerning on-site service and plumbing facilities.
 - 1) All water connections shall be designed to ensure against on-site sewage contamination, back-flow or siphonage into the Corporation's water supply. In particular, livestock water troughs shall be plumbed above the top of the trough with air space between the discharge and the water level in the trough. (30 TAC 290.46, Texas Health & Safety Code Chapter 366)
 - 2) The use of pipe and pipe fittings that contain more than 0.25% lead or solder and flux that contain more than 0.2% lead is prohibited for any plumbing installation or repair of any residential or non-residential facility providing water for human consumption and connected to the Corporation's facilities. Customer service pipelines shall be installed by the applicant. (30 TAC 290.46; RUS-TX Bulletin 1780-9 (Rev. 05/17))
- c. A Member owning more than one (1) Membership shall keep all payments current on all accounts. Failure to maintain current status on all accounts shall be enforceable as per Service Application and Agreement executed by the Member.
- d. The Corporation's ownership and maintenance responsibility of water supply and metering shall end at the meter or other service equipment as installed. Therefore, all water usage registering upon and/or damages occurring to the metering equipment owned and maintained by the Corporation shall be subject to charges as determined by the Corporation's Tariff as amended from time to time by the Board of Directors.
- e. The Corporation shall require each Member to have a cut-off valve within two feet of the meter on the Member's side of the meter for purposes of isolating

the Member's service pipeline and plumbing facilities from the Corporation's water pressure. The valve shall meet AWWA standards (a ball valve is preferred). The Member's use of the Corporation's curb stop or other similar valve for such purposes is prohibited. Any damage to the Corporation's equipment shall be subject to service charges. (This cut-off valve may be installed as a part of the original meter installation by the Corporation.)

- f. The member is required to notify the system 48 hours prior to digging or excavation activities along or near water lines and appurtenances.

11. *Meter Relocation.* Relocation of services shall be allowed by the Corporation provided that:

- a. The relocation is limited to the existing property designated to receive service;
- b. A current easement for the proposed location has been granted to the Corporation; and
- c. The Member pays the actual cost of relocation plus administrative fees.

12. *Meter Tampering and Damage to Property.*

- a. For purposes of this Section, the term "Tampering" shall mean meter-tampering, by-passing, or diversion of the Corporation's service equipment, or other instances of diversion, including:
 - 1) removing a locking or shut-off device used by the Corporation to discontinue service,
 - 2) physically disorienting the meter tap,
 - 3) attaching objects to the meter tap to divert service or to by-pass,
 - 4) inserting objects into the meter tap,
 - 5) other electrical and mechanical means of tampering with, by-passing, or diverting service,
 - 6) connection or reconnection of service without Corporation authorization;
 - 7) connection into the service line of adjacent customers of the Corporation;_and
 - 8) preventing the supply from being correctly registered by a metering device due to adjusting the valve so that flow is reduced below metering capability.

The burden of proof of Tampering is on the Corporation. Photographic evidence or

any other reliable and credible evidence may be used; however, any evidence shall be accompanied by a sworn affidavit by the Corporation's staff when any action regarding Tampering is initiated. A court finding of Tampering may be used instead of photographic or other evidence, if applicable. Unauthorized users of services of the Corporation shall be prosecuted to the extent allowed by law under the Texas Penal Code Sections 28.03 and 12.21 and 12.22.

- d. If the Corporation determines under subsection (a) that Tampering has occurred, the Corporation shall disconnect service without notice as set forth in this Tariff and charge the person who committed the Tampering the total actual loss to the Corporation, including the cost of repairs, replacement of damaged facilities, and lost water revenues.
 - e. A person who otherwise destroys, defaces, damages or interferes with Corporation property will be charged the total actual loss to the Corporation including but not limited to the cost of repairs, replacement of damaged facilities, and lost water revenues. The Corporation also will prosecute the offending party to the extent allowed under law pursuant to Texas Water Code Section 49.228 and other applicable laws.
- d. In addition to actual damages charged under subsection (b), the Corporation may assess a penalty against the offending party. The penalty shall not exceed six (6) times the Base Rate.

Note: For purposes of this section, "offending party" means the person who committed the Tampering or damaged the property.

13. *Ownership of equipment.* All water meters and equipment and materials required to provide water service to the point of customer connection; water meter or service tap, is the property of the Corporation upon installation, and shall be maintained by the water system only.

14. *Prohibition of Multiple Connections To A Single Tap.*

a. No more than one (1) residential, commercial, or industrial service connection is allowed per meter. The Corporation may consider allowing an apartment building or mobile home/RV park to apply as a "Master Metered Account" and have a single meter. If the Corporation has sufficient reason to believe a Multiple Connection exists, the Corporation shall discontinue service under the Disconnection with Notice provisions of this Tariff.

b. For purposes of this section, the following definitions shall apply:

- 1) A "multiple connection" is the connection to any portion of a member's water that is connected to a primary delivery point

already servicing one residence, one commercial or industrial facility of a water serving another residence or commercial or industrial facility. Water lines to outbuildings, barns or other accessory structures shall not be considered a multiple connection if: (i) those structures are located on the same tract as the primary delivery point and (ii) such structures are not used as a residence or as a commercial or industrial facility.

- 2) A "primary delivery point" shall mean the physical location of a meter tap that is installed in accordance with this Tariff and applicable law and which provides water service to the residence or commercial or industrial facility of a member.
- 3) A "residence" shall mean any structure which is being used for human habitation, which may include kitchen and bathroom facilities or other evidence of habitation as defined by the Corporation.
- 4) "Commercial" facility shall mean any structure or combination of structures at which any business, trade, occupation, profession, or other commercial activity is conducted. A business conducted within a member's residence or property that does not require water in addition to that provided to the member's residence shall not be considered a separate commercial facility.

c. The corporation agrees to allow members in good standing to share water usage with a visitor on their property with a recreation vehicle (RV) or travel trailer for a period of no longer than three months. If the recreation vehicle/travel trailer is being used for a permanent residence, this Tariff requires that an additional membership be secured and a separate meter installed. If the member routinely has more than one visitor at a time with recreation vehicles or travel trailers or has multiple visitors throughout the year, the corporation may require that a second or additional meter(s) be purchased. The member must submit a written request to the corporation's business office at least five (5) business days prior to sharing corporation water with a visitor. The corporation has the right to refuse or deny the shared usage for any reason. The corporation also has the right to inspect the premises for any potential cross-contamination issues as outlined in the Customer Service Inspection requirements and to ensure that the meter is properly sized for the additional usage at the time of total peak water demand. These requirements pertain to visitors ONLY. No commercial usage where fees for water are charged is allowed. If a member is found to violate these conditions, the member will be sent a letter of notice stating that water service will be cut off in ten days if the situation is not corrected.

15. Service Entitlement. The Applicant(s) shall be considered qualified and entitled to water utility service when proper application has been made, terms

and conditions of Service and Membership have been met and continue to be met, and all fees have been paid as prescribed. (16 TAC 24.85(a))

16. Service Location and Classification. For the purposes of this Tariff, service requested by the Applicant(s) shall be for real estate designated to receive the service provided by the Corporation. Service shall be through a meter tap located on that designated real estate unless otherwise approved by the board. Service shall be divided into the following two classes:

- a. **Standard Service** is defined as service on a specific property designated to receive service on an existing pipeline where pipeline or service facility extensions are not required and special design and/or engineering considerations are not necessary. Typically, this would include 5/8" X 3/4" or 3/4" sized water meter services set on existing pipelines.
- b. **Non-Standard Service** is defined as any service request which requires a larger meter service, service to a Master Metered Account, or an addition to the supply, storage and/or distribution system. The service requirements as prescribed by Section 7 of this Tariff shall be required of the Non-Standard Service Applicant prior to providing service.

17. Service Requirements. The Corporation's Service Application and Agreement Form shall be completed in full and signed by the Applicant(s). Where applicable, in addition to the applicant, any other person sharing an ownership interest in and receiving service at that property shall sign the Service Application and Agreement Form; however, even if the spouse or other person sharing an ownership interest does not sign the Service Application and Agreement Form, they are still responsible for all terms set forth therein, and for any debt obligation related to the account. (See Sample Application RUS-TX Bulletin 1780-9 (Rev. 05/17))

- a. A Right-of-Way Easement Form, Sanitary Control Easement, or other such easement form, required by the Corporation, must be completed by the Applicant for the purpose of allowing future facility additions.
- b. The Applicant shall provide proof of ownership to property for which service has been requested in a manner acceptable to the Corporation. Proof of ownership shall consist of warranty deed, deed of trust or other recordable documentation of title to the real estate designated to receive service. (Texas Water Code Sections 67.016 (d), and 13.002 (11) See *also* Uniform Partition of Heirs Property Act, Property Code Chapter 23A).
- c. On the request by the property owner or owner's authorized agent, the Corporation shall install individual meters owned by the Corporation in an apartment house, manufactured home rental community, multiple use facility, or condominium on which construction begins after January 1, 2003, unless the

Corporation determines that installation of individual meters is not feasible. If the Corporation determines that installation of meters is not feasible, the property owner or manager shall install a plumbing system that is compatible with the installation of submeters or individual meters. The Corporation shall be entitled to the payment of costs, including the costs of individual meter installations. The cost of individual meter installation shall be prepaid by the property owner as well as the cost of any additional facilities or supply occasioned by the total water service demand represented by full occupancy of the property. It shall be the responsibility of the property owner to obtain the memberships required for each individual meter.

- d. Notice of application approval and costs of service determined by the Corporation shall be presented to the Applicant in writing and shall remain in effect for a period not to exceed thirty (30) days. After that time the Applicant must re-apply for service. (16 TAC 24.81(a)(1)).
- e. If the water main has been located in the public right-of-way and is adjacent to Applicant's property due to the current or previous landowner's refusal to grant easement to the Corporation for the purpose of installing the water main and appurtenances, and the Corporation has documentation of such refusal, the Applicant, prior to receiving the requested service, shall grant the easement(s) required under this Tariff and in addition to the normally required fees for new customer service, shall pay such sums as are reasonably necessary to cap the existing line in the ROW and construct the appropriate line or lines within that easement or easements for the Corporation's system-wide service.
- f. The Corporation shall provide to each service applicant or transferee a copy of the Confidentiality of Personal Information Request Form. See Texas Utilities Code Section 182.052(c).

SECTION 6. RATES AND SERVICE FEE

1. Additional Assessments. In the event any federal, state or local government imposes on the Corporation a "per meter" fee or an assessment based on a percent of water charges, this fee or assessment will be billed and collected as a "pass through" charge to the customer.

2. Customer Service Inspection Fee. A fee of \$300.00 will be assessed each Applicant before permanent continuous service is provided to new construction. (A rough-in, a top-out and a final inspection)

3. Easement Fee. When the Corporation determines that private right-of-way easements and/or facilities sites are necessary to provide service to the Applicant, the Applicant shall be required to make good faith efforts to secure easements in behalf of the Corporation and/or pay all costs incurred by the Corporation in validating, clearing, and retaining such right-of-way in addition to tap fees otherwise required pursuant to the provisions of this Tariff. The costs may include all legal fees and expenses necessary to attempt to secure such right-of-way and/or facilities sites in behalf of the Applicant.

Standard service fees shall be charged on a per tap basis as computed immediately prior to such time as metered service is requested and installed.

a. **Non-Standard Service shall include any and all**

- 1) Facility Improvement Costs: including but not limited to tanks, piping, main lines, hydrants, and other labor materials necessary to provide service at the level required by water code and as requested by the applicant.**
- 2) Line and Facility Inspection fee:**
- 3) Administrative costs: including but not limited to contact administration costs; processing invoices; disbursement of checks to contractors**
- 4) Legal Fee: including but not limited to contract development, easements, water rights, permits, CCN amendments for the area.**
- 5) Engineering fee;**
- 6) Any additional site-specific equipment or appurtenances necessary to provide water service as determined by the Corporation under the terms of Section 7. of this Tariff (includes tap (fee(s))).**

- b. **Standard and Non-Standard Service Installations shall include all costs of any pipeline relocations.**

7. Late Payment Fee Once per billing period, a penalty of \$10, shall be applied to delinquent bills for 1st month. Subsequent months late fees equal \$25.00. This late payment penalty shall not be applied to any balance to which the penalty was applied in a previous billing period but shall be applied to any unpaid balance during the current billing period.

NOTE: The Corporation cannot charge political subdivisions and state agencies the late payment fee. (Texas Government Code Chapter 2251.021 and Sec. E.16.)

8. Membership Fee. At the time the application for service is approved, a refundable Membership Fee must be paid for each service requested before service shall be provided or reserved for the Applicant by the Corporation. The membership fee cannot be more than 12 times the minimum monthly base rate.

- a. The Membership Fee for water service is \$200.00 for each service unit.

9. Monthly Charges.

1) Base Rate

Water Service - The monthly charge for standard metered water service is for a 5/8" X 3/4" meter. The 5/8" X 3/4" meter charge is used as a base multiplier for larger non-standard meters in accordance with the following chart based on American Water Works Association maximum continuous flow specifications:

Meter Size	5/8" x 3/4" Meter Equivalents	Monthly Rate
5/8" x 3/4"	1.0	\$ 55.00
1"	1.0	\$ 55.00

Gallonge Charge - In addition to the Base Rate, a gallonge charge shall be added at the following rates for usage during any one (1) billing period.

Water:

- \$ 4.50 per 1,000 gallons for 0 to infinity gallons

2) The Corporation shall, as required by Texas Water Code Section 5.701, collect from each of its retail customers a regulatory assessment equal to one-half of one percent of the charge for retail water service. This charge shall be collected in addition to other charges for utility service. (16 TAC 291.76(d))

3) Meter Test Fee. The Corporation shall test a Member's meter upon written request of the Member. A charge of \$300.00 shall be imposed on the affected account.

- 4) **Non-Disclosure Fee.** A fee of \$25.00 shall be assessed to any Member or tenant requesting in writing that personal information under the terms of this tariff not be disclosed to the public.
- 5) **Reconnect Fee.** The Corporation shall charge a fee of \$600.00 plus \$75.00 service charge for reconnecting service after the Corporation has previously disconnected the service for any reason provided for in this Tariff except for activation of service under Section 6 Re-Service.
- 6) **Returned Check Fee.** In the event a check, draft, or any other similar instrument is given by a person, firm, corporation, or partnership to the Corporation for payment of services provided for in this Tariff, and the instrument is returned by the bank or other similar institution as insufficient or non-negotiable for any reason, the account for which the instrument was issued shall be assessed a return check charge of \$10.00.

10. Service Investigation Fee. The Corporation shall conduct a service investigation for each service application submitted to the Corporation. An initial determination shall be made by the Corporation, without charge, as to whether the service request is Standard or Non-Standard. An investigation shall then be conducted and the results reported under the following terms:

- a. All Standard Service requests shall be investigated without charge and all applicable costs for providing service shall be quoted in writing to the Applicant within ten (10) working days of application.
- b. All Non-Standard Service requests shall be subject to a fee, appropriate to each project, of sufficient amount to cover all administrative, legal, and engineering fees associated with investigation of the Corporation's ability to deliver service to the Applicant to;
 - (1) provide cost estimates of the project,
 - (2) to present detailed plans and specifications as per final plat,
 - (3) to advertise and accept bids for the project,
 - (4) to present a Non-Standard Service Contract to the Applicant, and
 - (5) to provide other services as required by the Corporation for such investigation. A Non-Standard Service Contract shall be presented to the Applicant within a suitable amount of time as determined by the complexity of the project.

11. Service Trip Fee. The Corporation shall charge a trip fee of \$75.00 for any service call or trip to the Member's tap as a result of a request by the Member or tenant for response to damage of the Corporation's or another Member's facilities; for customer service inspections due to suspicion of meter tampering, bypass or diversion of service; or for the purpose of disconnecting or collecting payment for services. For service trips that extend beyond one hour, such as when an extended line location is required, the Corporation shall charge \$100.00 per employee per hour for each additional hour required.

SECTION 7. DEVELOPER, SUBDIVISION AND NON-STANDARD SERVICE REQUIREMENTS

Part I. General Requirements. This section details the requirements for all types of non-standard service requests.

- 1. Purpose.** It is the purpose of this Section to define the process by which the specific terms and conditions for service to subdivisions and other kinds of Non-Standard Service are determined, including the Non-Standard Service Applicant's and the Corporation's respective costs.

For purposes of the Section, the term "Applicant" shall refer to the individual or entity that desires to secure Non-Standard Service from the Corporation. The Applicant must be the same person or entity that is authorized to enter into a contract with the Corporation setting forth the terms and conditions pursuant to which Non-Standard Service will be furnished to the property. In most cases, the Applicant shall be the owner of real property for which Non-Standard Service is sought. In the event that the Applicant is other than the owner of real property, the Applicant must furnish evidence to the Corporation that it is authorized to request Non-Standard Service on behalf of such owner, or that it otherwise has authority to request Non-Standard Service for the real property.

- 2. Application of Rules.** This Section is applicable to subdivisions, additions to subdivisions, developments, or whenever additional service facilities are required for a single tract of property. Examples of non-standard services for a single tract of land can include, but are not limited to, road bores, extensions to the distribution system, service lines exceeding 3/4" diameter and service lines exceeding 5 feet. Non-residential or residential service applications requiring a larger sized meter typically will be considered non-standard. For the purposes of this Tariff, Applications subject to this Section shall be defined as Non-Standard. This Section may be altered or suspended for planned facility expansions when the Corporation extends its indebtedness. The Board of Directors of the Corporation or their designee shall interpret on an individual basis whether or not the Applicant's service request shall be subject to all or part of the conditions of this Section.

This Section sets forth the general terms and conditions pursuant to which the Corporation will process Non-Standard Service Requests. The specific terms and conditions pursuant to which the Corporation will provide non-standard service in response to any request will depend upon the nature of such request and may be set forth in a legally enforceable, contractual agreement to be entered into by the Corporation and the service Applicant. The agreement may not contain any terms or conditions that conflict with this Section.

3. Non-Standard Service Application. The Applicant shall meet the following requirements prior to the initiation of a Non-Standard Service Contract by the Corporation:

- a. The Applicant shall provide the Corporation a completed Non-Standard Service Application. The Applicant shall specify any Special Service Needs, such as large meter size, size of subdivision or multi-use facility.
- b. A final plat approved by the Corporation must accompany the Application showing the Applicant's requested service area. The plat must be approved by all governmental authorities exercising jurisdiction over lot sizes, sewage control, drainage, right-of-way, and other service facilities. Plans, specifications, and special requirements of such governmental authorities shall be submitted with the plat. Applicants for single taps involving extension or upsizing of facilities shall be required to submit maps or plans detailing the location of the requested extension and details of demand requirements.

NOTE: It is the responsibility of the Applicant to secure all necessary approvals of the subdivision once an Agreement is in place between the Corporation and the Applicant.

- c. A Non-Standard Service Investigation Fee shall be paid to the Corporation in accordance with the requirements of Section 7. for purposes of paying initial administrative, legal, and engineering fees. The Corporation shall refund any balance that remains after it has completed its service investigation, and has completed all legal and engineering services associated with processing a request. In the event such a fee is not sufficient to pay all expenses incurred by the Corporation, the Applicant shall pay to the Corporation upon the Corporation's request all additional expenses that have been, or will be incurred by the Corporation and Corporation shall have no obligation to complete processing of the Application until all remaining expenses have been paid.
- d. If after the service investigation has been completed, the Corporation determines that the Applicant's service request is for property located, in whole or in part, outside the area described in the Corporation's Certificate of Convenience and Necessity (CCN), service may be extended provided that:

The service location is not in an area receiving similar service from another retail Corporation;

The service location is not within another retail Corporation's CCN; and

The Corporation's CCN shall be amended to include the entirety of Applicant's property for which service is requested. Applicant shall pay all costs incurred by Corporation in amending its CCN, including but not limited to engineering and professional fees. If the service location is contiguous to or within one-fourth

(1/4) mile of Corporation's CCN, Corporation may extend service prior to completing the amendment to its CCN, but will do so only upon Applicant's legally enforceable agreement to fully support such amendment (including but not limited to payment of all professional fees, including administrative, legal, surveying and engineering fees incurred by Corporation in securing the amendment).

4. Design. The Corporation shall approve the design requirements of the Applicant's required facilities prior to initiation of a Non-Standard Service Contract in accordance with the following schedule:

- a. The Corporation's engineer shall design, or review and approve plans for, all on-site and off-site service facilities for the Applicant's requested service within the Corporation's specifications, incorporating any applicable municipal or other governmental codes and specifications.
- b. The engineer's fees shall be paid out of the Non-Standard Service Applicant.
- c. The engineer shall submit to the Corporation a set of detailed plans, specifications, and cost estimates for the project.
- d. The Corporation's engineer shall ensure that all facilities for any Applicant meet the demand for service as platted and/or requested in the plans or plat submitted in the application for service. The Corporation reserves the right to upgrade design of service facilities to meet future demands provided however, that the Corporation shall pay the expense of such upgrading in excess of that which is reasonably allocable to the level and manner of service requested by the Applicant.
- e. The Corporation's engineer will determine the fire flow design for any non-standard service request, including new subdivisions, based on density, type of structure, and other factors.

5. Non-Standard Service Contract. Applicants requesting Non-Standard Service **may** be required to execute a written contract, drawn up by the Corporation's Attorney, in addition to submitting the Corporation's Non-Standard Service Application. Said contract shall define the terms of service prior to construction of required service facilities. The service contract may include, but is not limited to:

- a. All costs associated with required administration, design, construction, and inspection of facilities for water/sewer service to the Applicant's service area and terms by which these costs are to be paid.
- b. Procedures by which the Applicant shall accept or deny a contractor's bid, thereby committing to continue or discontinue the project.

- c. Terms by which service capacity shall be reserved for the Applicant and duration of reserved service with respect to the demand which the level and manner of the service will have upon the Corporation's system facilities.
- d. Terms by which the Applicant shall be reimbursed or compensated for fees duplicated in assessments for monthly rates and Equity Buy-In Fees.
- e. Terms by which the Corporation shall administer the Applicant's project with respect to:
 - (1) Design of the Applicant's service facilities;
 - (2) Securing and qualifying bids;
 - (3) Execution of the Service Contract;
 - (4) Selection of a qualified bidder for construction;
 - (5) Dispensing advanced funds for construction of facilities required for the Applicant's service;
 - (6) Inspecting construction of facilities; and
 - (7) Testing facilities and closing the project.
- f. Terms by which the Applicant shall indemnify the Corporation from all third-party claims or lawsuits in connection with the project.
- g. Terms by which the Applicant shall dedicate, assign and convey to the Corporation all constructed facilities and related rights (including contracts, easements, rights-of-way, deeds, warranties, and so forth) by which the Corporation shall assume operation and maintenance responsibility for the Applicant's project. The Applicant shall also provide reproducible as-built drawings of all constructed facilities. The as-built drawings must verify that all facilities have been properly located within the easements conveyed to the Corporation.
- h. Terms by which the Board of Directors shall review and approve the Service Contract pursuant to current rules, regulations, and bylaws.

6. Construction of Facilities by Applicant Prior to Execution of Service Contract.

The Corporation and the Applicant must execute a Non-Standard Service Contract prior to the purchase of supplies and materials or initiation of construction of facilities by the Applicant. In the event that the Applicant commences construction of any such facilities prior to execution of a Contract with the Corporation, then the Corporation may refuse to provide service to the Applicant or, in a subdivision, to any person purchasing a lot or home from the Applicant. Alternatively, the Corporation may require full costs of replacing/repairing any facilities constructed without prior execution of a contract from any person buying a lot or home from Applicant. At a minimum, the Corporation will require that all facilities be uncovered by the Applicant for inspection by the Corporation, require that any facilities not approved by the Corporation be replaced, and take any other lawful action determined appropriate by the Board of Directors of the Corporation.

7. Dedication of Water System Extension/Improvements to WSC.

- a. Upon proper completion of construction of all on-site and off-site service facilities (the "Facilities") to meet the level and manner of service requested by the Applicant, the Facilities shall become the property of the WSC. The Facilities shall thereafter be owned and maintained by WSC subject to the warranties required of Applicant under Subsection b. Any connection of individual customers to the Facilities shall be made by the WSC.
- b. Upon transfer of ownership of the Facilities, Applicant shall warrant materials and performance of the Facilities constructed by Applicant for 12 months following the date of the transfer.

8. Property and Right-of-Way Acquisition. With regard to construction of facilities, the Corporation shall require private right-of-way easements or purchase of private property as per the following conditions:

- a. If the Corporation determines that right-of-way easements or facility sites outside the Applicant's property are required, the Applicant shall secure easements or else title to facility sites in behalf of the Corporation. All right-of-way easements and property titles shall be researched, validated, and filed by the Corporation at the expense of the Applicant.
- b. All additional costs associated with facilities that must be installed in public rights-of-way on behalf of the Applicant, due to the inability of the Applicant to secure private right-of-way easements, such as road bores and TxDOT approvals shall be paid by the Applicant. Alternatively, Applicant shall pay all costs, including administrative, legal and other professional fees and the condemnation award in the event the Corporation secures such private easements or facility sites through eminent domain proceedings.
- c. The Corporation shall require an exclusive dedicated right-of-way easement on the Applicant's property (as required by the size of the planned facilities and as determined by the Corporation) and title to property required for other on-site and off-site facilities.
- d. Easements and facilities sites shall be prepared for the construction of the Corporation's pipelines and facility installations in accordance with the Corporation's requirements at the expense of the Applicant.

9. Bids For Construction. The Corporation's consulting engineer shall advertise for bids for the construction of the Applicant's proposed facilities in accordance with generally accepted practices. Plans and specifications shall be made available, with or without charge (as per Engineer's determination), to prospective bidders. Although the Corporation reserves the right to reject any bid or contractor, the Corporation shall generally award the contract to the lowest qualified bidder in accordance with the following criteria.

- a. The Applicant shall execute the Service Contract evidencing willingness to proceed with the project and shall pay all costs in advance of construction associated with the project;
- b. The Contractor shall provide an adequate bid bond under terms acceptable to the Corporation;
- c. The Contractor shall secure adequate performance and payment bonding for the project under terms acceptable to the Corporation;
- d. The Contractor shall supply favorable references acceptable to the Corporation;
- e. The Contractor shall qualify with the Corporation as competent to complete the work (including but not limited to current water/sewer license, OSHA competent person training, and other
- f. licenses/certificates as required to complete the project); and
- g. The Contractor shall provide adequate certificates of insurance as required by the Corporation.

10. Pre-Payment For Construction and Service. After the Applicant has executed the Service Agreement, the Applicant shall pay to the Corporation all costs necessary for completion of the project prior to construction and in accordance with the terms of the Non-Standard Service Contract.

11. Construction.

- a. All roadwork pursuant to state, county and/or municipal standards (as applicable) shall be completed prior to facility construction to avoid future problems resulting from road right-of-way completion and excavation. Subject to approval of the requisite authority, approved road sleeves/casings may be installed prior to road construction to avoid road damage during construction of Applicant's facilities.
- b. The Corporation shall, at the expense of the Applicant, inspect the facilities to ensure compliance with Corporation standards.
- c. Construction plans and specifications shall be strictly adhered to, but the Corporation reserves the right to issue change-orders of any specifications, due to unforeseen circumstances during the design phase, to better facilitate construction or operation of the Applicant's facility. All change-order amounts shall be charged to the Applicant.

PART II. Request for Service to Subdivided Property

This section contains additional requirements for applicants that are developers as defined in Section Definitions.

- 1. Sufficient Information.** Applicants shall provide the corporation sufficient information describing the level and manner of service requested and the timeline for initiation of this service. The following is the minimum information needed for an engineering evaluation of the requested service to the property described in the application.
 - a. Completion of requirements described in Section 7. Part I., including completing the Non-Standard Service Application.
 - b. Applicant shall provide the Corporation with details concerning access to the property during evaluation of application.
 - c. Applicant shall be notified in writing by the Corporation or designated representative the timeframe within which the requested service can be provided and the costs for which the applicant will be responsible, in accordance with the details described on the Applicant's request for service.
- 2. Service within Subdivisions –** The Corporation's obligation to provide service to any customer located within a subdivision governed by this Section is strictly limited to the level and manner of the nonstandard service specified by the Applicant. The Applicant is responsible for paying for all costs necessary for non-standard service to a subdivision as determined by the Corporation under the provisions of this Tariff and specifically the provisions of this Section. If the Applicant fails to pay these costs, the Corporation has the right to require payment of these costs by any one or more of the persons purchasing lots or homes within such subdivision before the Corporation is obligated to provide water/sewer service (Texas Water Code Section 13.2502). In addition, Corporation may elect to pursue any remedies provided by the Non-Standard Service Contract if one has been executed. Applicant is advised that purchasers of lots also may have legal recourse against the Applicant under Texas law, including but not limited to Texas Water Code Section 13.257, and the Texas Business and Commerce Code Chapter 17, Subchapter E Deceptive Trade Practices & Consumer Protection Act.
 - a) The Applicant must provide the following in addition to all other information otherwise required by this Section:
 - (1) Map and legal description of the area to be served using map criteria in 16 TAC 24.105(a) (2) (A-G)).
 - (2) Time frame for:
 - (a) Initiation of service

- (b) Service to each additional or projected phase following the initial service
- (3) Detailed description of the nature and scope of the project/development for:
 - (a) Initial needs
 - (b) Phased and final needs, including a map showing each phase, and the projected land uses that support the requested level of service for each phase
- (4) Flow and pressure for anticipated level of fire protection requested, including line size and capacity
- (5) Specific infrastructure needs for anticipated level of fire protection requested, including line size and capacity
- (6) Any additional information requested by the Corporation necessary to determine the capacity and the costs for providing the requested service.
- (7) Copies of all required approvals, reports and studies done by or for the Applicant to support the viability of the proposed development.

Applicant must provide reasonably sufficient information, in writing, to allow the Corporation to determine whether the level and manner of service specified by the Applicant can be provided within the time frame specified by the Applicant and to generally determine what capital improvements, including expansion of capacity of the Corporation's production, treatment and/or storage facilities and/or general transmission facilities properly allocable directly to the service request are needed. If the Applicant proposes development in phases, the Applicant should specify the level and manner of service and the estimated time frame within which that service must be provided for each phase, and the Applicant must depict the currently estimated location of each phase on the maps required under 16 TAC Section 24.105(a)(2)(A-G). It is important that the Applicant's written request be complete. A complete service application by the Applicant should include:

- The proposed improvements to be constructed by the Applicant;
- A map or plat signed and sealed by a licensed surveyor or registered professional engineer;
- The intended land use of the development, including detailed information concerning the types of land uses proposed;
- The projected water and/or sewer demand of the development when fully built out and occupied, the anticipated water/sewer demands for each type of land use, and a projected schedule of build-out;
- A schedule of events leading up to the anticipated date upon which service from the CCN holder will first be needed; and

- A proposed calendar of events, including design, plat approval, construction phasing and initial occupancy.

Applicant must establish that current and projected service demands justify the level and manner of service being requested. In making his/her written request for service, the Applicant must advise the Corporation that he/she may request expedited decertification from the PUC.

Upon payment of the required fees, the Corporation shall review Applicant's service request. If no additional information is required from Applicant, the Corporation will prepare a written report on Applicant's service request, subject to any final approval by the Corporation's governing body (if applicable) which must be completed within the 90 days from the date of application and payment of the required fees. The Corporation's written report will state whether the requested service will be provided, whether the requested service can be provided within the time frame specified by the Applicant, and the costs for which the Applicant will be responsible (including capital improvements, easements or land acquisition costs, and professional fees).

In the event the Corporation's initial review of the Applicant's service shows that additional information is needed, the Corporation will notify Applicant of the need for such additional information. Notice of the need for additional information will be made in writing within 30 days of the date the Corporation receives the Applicant payment of the required fees. Applicant shall respond to the Corporation's request for additional information within 15 days of receipt of the Corporation's written request. The Corporation will provide the written report, including any final approval by the Corporation's Board (if applicable) within 90 days from the date of the **initial** written application and payment of all required fees.

By mutual written agreement, the Corporation and the Applicant may extend the time for review beyond the 90 days provided for expedited petitions to the PUC.

- 3. Final approval.** Upon final approval by the Corporation and acceptance of proposal for service by the Applicant, a non-standard service contract will be executed and the Corporation shall provide service according to the conditions contained in the Non-Standard Service Contract.

Drought Contingency Plan (City of Bowie)

TEXAS WATER CODE, SEC. 11.039.

DISTRIBUTION OF WATER DURING SHORTAGE.

(a) If a shortage of water in a water supply not covered by a water conservation plan prepared in compliance with Texas Natural Resource Conservation Commission or Texas Water Development Board rules results from drought, accident, or other cause, the water to be distributed shall be divided among all customers pro rata, according to the amount each may be entitled to, so that preference is given to no one and everyone suffers alike.

(b) If a shortage of water in a water supply covered by a water conservation plan prepared in compliance with Texas Natural Resource Conservation Commission or Texas Water Development Board rules results from drought, accident, or other cause, the person, association of persons, or corporation owning or controlling the water shall divide the water to be distributed among all customers pro rata, according to:

(1) The amount of water to which each customer may be entitled; or

(2) The amount of water to which each customer may be entitled, less the amount of water the customer would have saved if the customer had operated its water system in compliance with the water conservation plan.

(c) Nothing in Subsection (a) or (b) precludes the person, association of persons, or corporation owning or controlling the water from supplying water to a person who has a prior vested right to the water under the laws of this state.

WHOLESALE CONTRACTUAL DROUGHT CONTINGENCY REQUIREMENT

The City of Bowie will include a provision in every wholesale water contract entered into or renewed after adoption of the plan, including contract extensions, that in case of a shortage of water resulting from drought, the water to be distributed shall be divided in accordance with Texas Water Code, §11.039.

VARIANCES

The City Manager or his/her designee may, in writing, grant temporary variance for existing water uses otherwise prohibited under this Plan if it is determined that failure to grant such variance would cause an emergency condition adversely affecting the health, sanitation, or fire protection for the public or the person requesting such variance and if one or more of the following conditions are met:

1. Compliance with this Plan cannot be technically accomplished during the duration of the water supply shortage or other condition for which the Plan is in effect.
2. Alternative methods can be implemented which will achieve the same level of reduction in water use.

Persons requesting an exemption from the provisions of this Ordinance shall file a petition for variance with the City of Bowie within 5 days after the Plan or a particular drought response stage has been invoked. All petitions for variances shall be reviewed by City Manager or his/her designee, and shall include the following:

1. Name and address of the petitioner(s).
2. Purpose of water use.
3. Specific provision(s) of the Plan from which the petitioner is requesting relief.
4. Detailed statement as to how the specific provision of the Plan adversely affects the petitioner or what damage or harm will occur to the petitioner or others if petitioner complies with this Ordinance.
5. Description of the relief requested.
6. Period of time for which the variance is sought.
7. Alternative water use restrictions or other measures the petitioner is taking or proposes to take to meet the intent of this Plan and the compliance date.
8. Other pertinent information.

ENFORCEMENT

1. No person or entity shall knowingly or intentionally allow the use of water from the City of Bowie for residential, commercial, institutional, industrial, agricultural, governmental, recreational, wholesale, or any other purpose in a manner contrary to any provision of this Plan, or in an amount in excess of that permitted by the drought response stage in effect at the time pursuant to action taken by the City Manager or his/her designee, in accordance with provisions of this Plan;
2. A City of Bowie code enforcement officer, police officer, or other official designated by the City Manager or his/her designee, may issue a written Notice of Violation to a person or entity he/she reasonably believes to be in violation of this Plan. For subsequent violations following written notice:
 - a. The utility may issue a citation (Class D misdemeanor);
 - b. The utility may install a flow restricting device in the line to limit the amount of water which will pass through the meter in a 24-hour period. The utility may charge the customer for the actual cost of installing and removing the flow restricting device, not to exceed fifty dollars (\$50.00);
 - c. The utility may discontinue service at the meter for a period of seven (7) days, or until the end of the calendar month, whichever is LESS. The normal reconnect fee of the utility will apply for restoration of service;
3. Any water customer who violates this Plan is guilty of and may be charged with a misdemeanor and, upon conviction shall be punished by a fine of not less than one hundred dollars (\$100.00) and not more than five hundred dollars (\$500.00) or as amended by ordinance. Each day that one or more of the provisions in this Plan is violated shall constitute a separate offense. If a person is convicted of three or more

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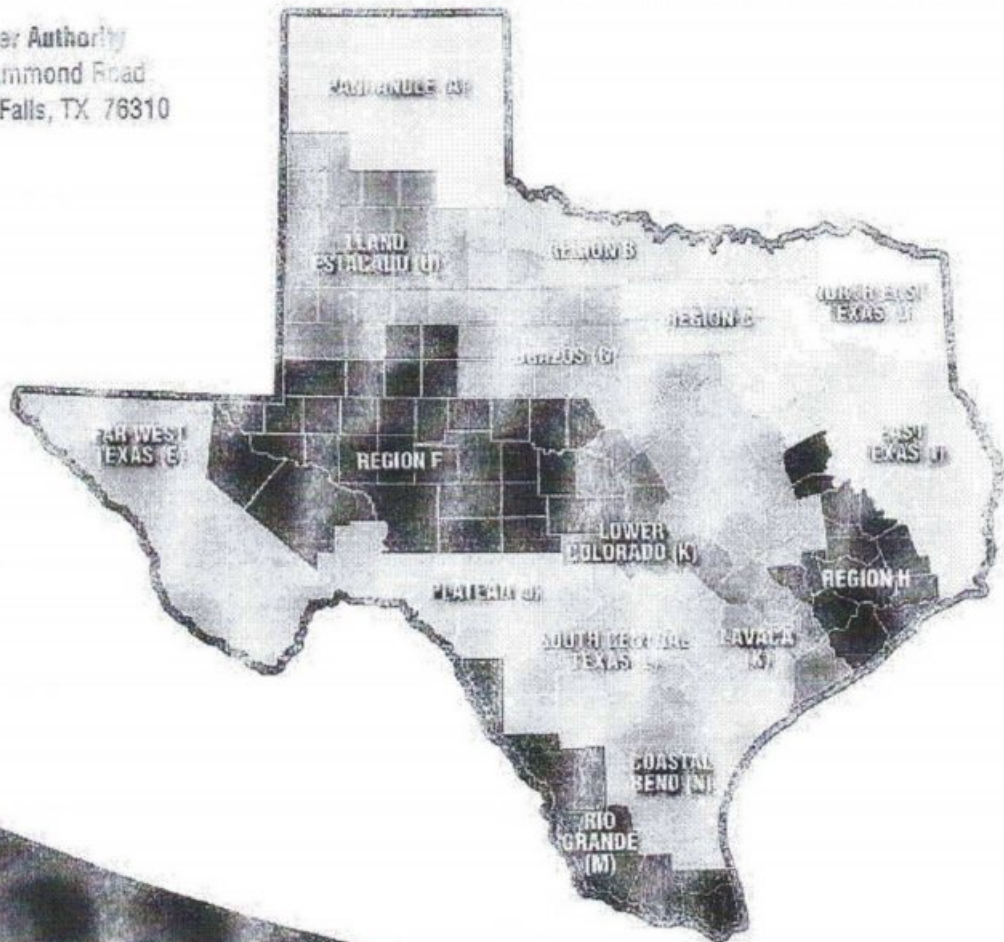
distinct violations of this Plan, the City Manager or his/her designee shall, upon due notice to the customer, be authorized to discontinue water service to the premises where such violations occur. Services discontinued under such circumstances shall be restored only upon payment of a re-connection charge, hereby established at \$50.00, and any other costs incurred by the City of Bowie in discontinuing service. In addition, suitable assurance must be documented with the City Manager or his/her designee that the same action shall not be repeated while the Plan is in effect. Compliance with this Plan may also be sought through injunctive relief in the district court;

4. Any water customer of the City of Bowie, in apparent control of the property where a violation occurs or originates shall be presumed to be the violator, and proof that the violation occurred on the person's property shall constitute a rebuttable presumption that the person in apparent control of the property committed the violation, but any such person shall have the right to show that he/she did not commit the violation. Parents shall be presumed to be responsible for violations of their minor children and proof that a violation committed by a child, occurred on property within the parents' control shall constitute a rebuttable presumption that the parent committed the violation, but any such parent may be excused if he/she proves that he/she had previously directed the child not to use the water as it was used in violation of this Plan and that the parent could not have reasonably known of the violation.

COORDINATION WITH REGIONAL WATER PLANNING GROUP

The service area of the City of Bowie is located within the Region 8 Water Planning Group and the City will provide a copy of this Plan to the Region 8 Planning Group at:

Red River Authority
3000 Hammond Road
Wichita Falls, TX 76310



ORDINANCE

ORDINANCE NO. 2019-15

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF BOWIE, TEXAS, ADOPTING A WATER CONSERVATION & DROUGHT CONTINGENCY PLAN; ESTABLISHING DATA, INFORMATION, AND POLICY FOR WATER CONSERVATION PROGRAMS; CRITERIA FOR THE INITIATION AND TERMINATION OF DROUGHT RESPONSE STAGES; ESTABLISHING RESTRICTIONS ON CERTAIN WATER USES; ESTABLISHING PENALTIES FOR THE VIOLATION OF AND PROVISIONS FOR ENFORCEMENT OF THESE RESTRICTIONS; ESTABLISHING PROCEDURES FOR GRANTING VARIANCES; AND PROVIDING SEVERABILITY AND AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

WHEREAS, The City of Bowie, Texas recognizes that the amount of water available to the City and its water utility customers is limited and subject to depletion during periods of extended drought;

WHEREAS, Section 11.1271 of the Texas Water Code and applicable rules of the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality require the holder of an existing permit, certified filing, or certificate of adjudication for the appropriation of surface water in the amount of 1,000 acre-feet a year or more for municipal, industrial, and other uses to develop, submit, and implement a water conservation plan, consistent with the appropriate approved regional water plan, that adopts reasonable water conservation measures as defined by Subdivision (8)(B), Section 11.002, which defines "conservation" as those practices, techniques, and technologies that will reduce the consumption of water, reduce the loss or waste of water, improve the efficiency in the use of water, or increase the recycling and reuse of water so that a water supply is made available for future or alternative uses;

ORDINANCE

WHEREAS, the City recognizes that natural limitations due to drought conditions and other acts of God cannot guarantee an uninterrupted water supply for all purposes;

WHEREAS, Section 11.1272 of the Texas Water Code and applicable rules of the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality require all public water supply systems in Texas to prepare a drought contingency plan; and

WHEREAS, as authorized under law, and in the best interests of the citizens of the City of Bowie, Texas, the City Council deems it expedient and necessary to establish certain rules and policies for the ongoing conservation of water and the orderly and efficient management of limited water supplies during drought and other water supply emergencies.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY OF BOWIE, TEXAS:

SECTION 1.

That the City of Bowie, Texas Water Conservation & Drought Contingency Plan 2019 attached hereto and made part hereof for all purposes be, and the same is hereby adopted as the official policy of the City.

SECTION 2.

That all ordinances that are in conflict with the provisions of this ordinance be, and the same are hereby, repealed and all other ordinances of the City not in conflict with the provisions of this ordinance shall remain in full force and effect.

ORDINANCE

SECTION 3.

Should any paragraph, sentence, subdivision, clause, phrase, or section of this ordinance be adjudged or held to be unconstitutional, illegal or invalid, the same shall not affect the validity of this ordinance as a whole or any part or provision thereof, other than the part so declared to be invalid, illegal or unconstitutional.

SECTION 4.

This ordinance shall take effect immediately from and after its passage and the publication of this caption, as the law in such cases provides.


DULY PASSED BY THE CITY OF BOWIE, TEXAS, on the 11 day of SEP, 2019.

APPROVED:



MAYOR

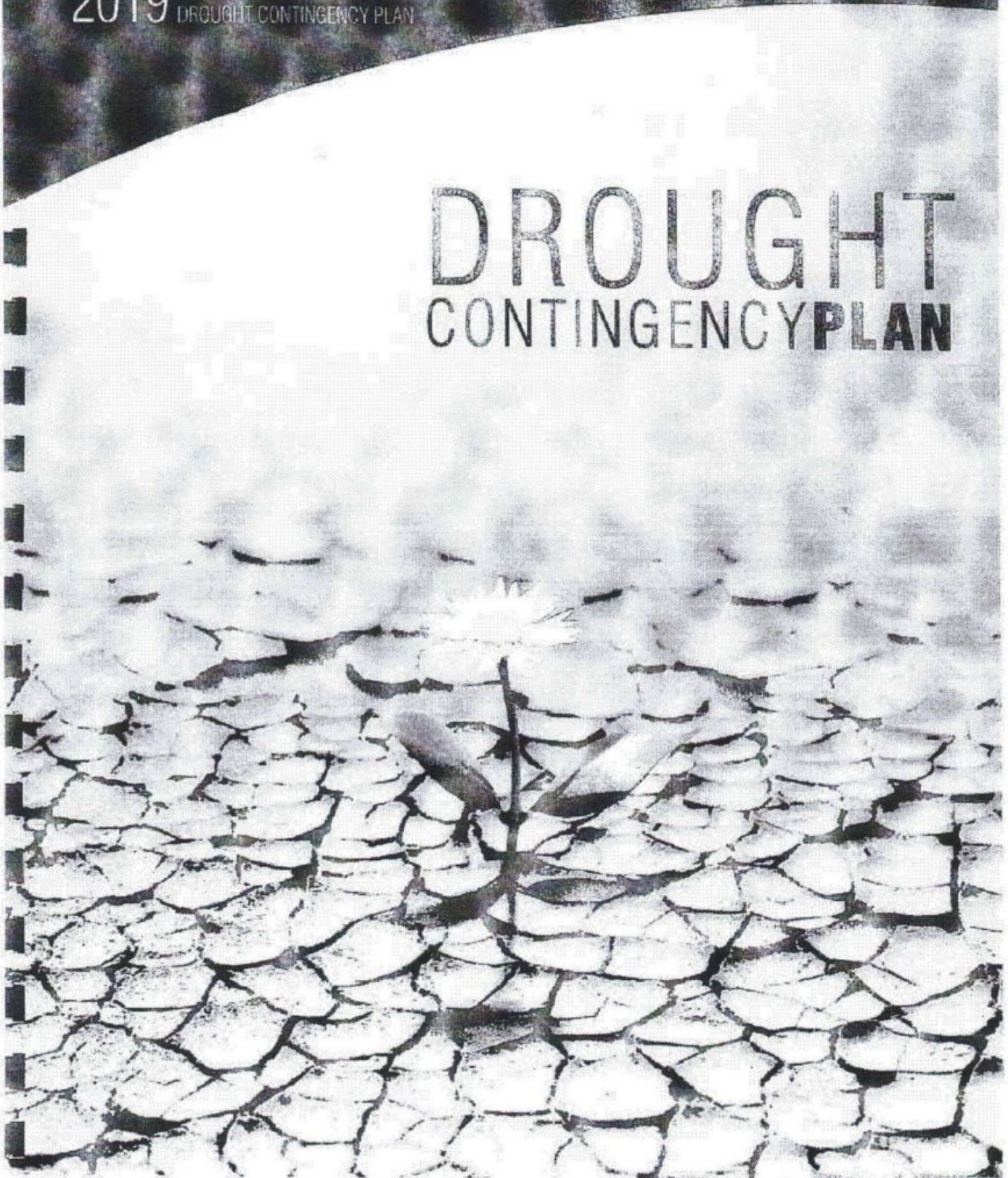
ATTESTED TO:



CITY SECRETARY

2019 WATER CONSERVATION &
DROUGHT CONTINGENCY PLAN

DROUGHT CONTINGENCY PLAN



DECLARATION OF POLICY, PURPOSE, AND INTENT

In order to conserve the available water supply and protect the integrity of water supply facilities, with particular regard for domestic water use, sanitation, and fire protection, and to protect and preserve public health, welfare, and safety and minimize the adverse impacts of water supply shortage or other water supply emergency conditions, the City of Bowie hereby adopts the following regulations and restrictions on the delivery and consumption of water by City Ordinance.

Water uses regulated or prohibited under this Drought Contingency Plan are considered to be non-essential or discretionary and continuation of such uses during times of water shortage or other emergency water supply conditions are deemed to constitute a waste of water which subjects the offender(s) to penalties as defined in the Enforcement of Drought Contingency Plan section of this Plan.

AUTHORIZATION

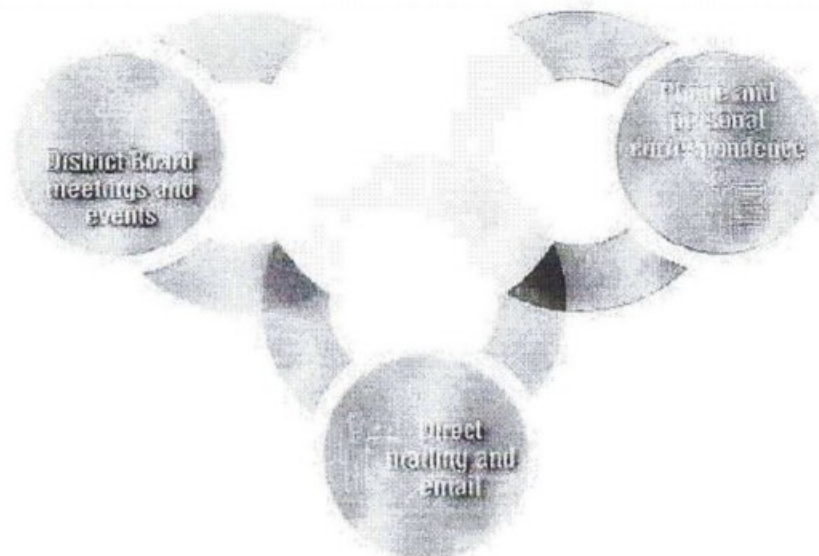
The City Manager or his/her designee is hereby authorized and directed to implement the applicable provisions of this Plan upon determination that such implementation is necessary to protect public health, safety, and welfare. The City Manager or his/her designee shall have the authority to initiate or terminate drought or other water supply emergency response measures as described in this Plan.

APPLICATION

The provisions of this Plan shall apply to all persons, customers, and property utilizing water provided by the City of Bowie. The terms "person" and "customer" as used in the Plan include individuals, corporations, partnerships, associations, and all other legal entities.

PUBLIC INVOLVEMENT

Opportunity for the public to provide input into the preparation and subsequent revisions of this Plan is provided by the City of Bowie by means of:



PUBLIC EDUCATION (DROUGHT)

The City of Bowie will periodically provide the public with information about this Drought Contingency Plan, including information and/or notification about the conditions under which each stage of the Plan is to be initiated or terminated and the drought response measures to be implemented in each stage. Water conservation tips and information will also be provided. This information will be provided by means of:

POSTING A NOTICE
OF DROUGHT
CONDITIONS AT
THE CITY HALL

GENERAL CIRCULATION
TO NEWSPAPERS

NOTIFYING LOCAL
RADIO STATIONS

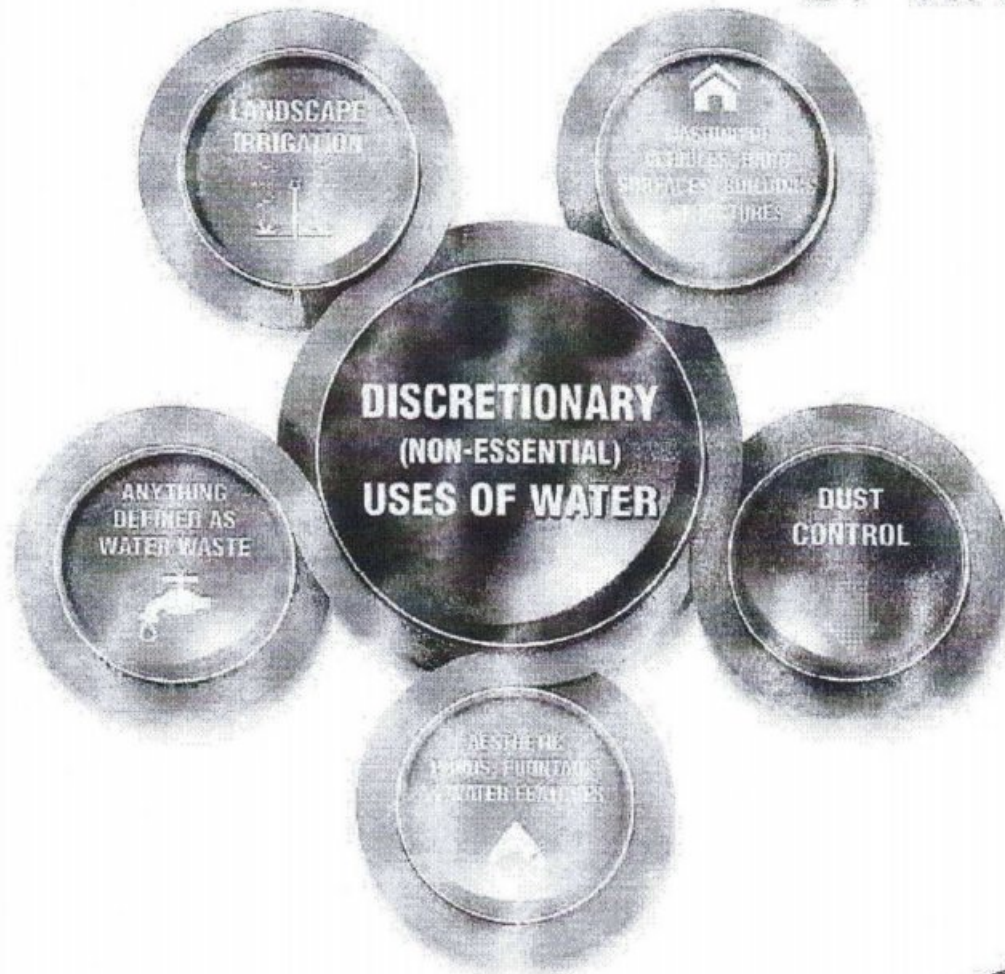
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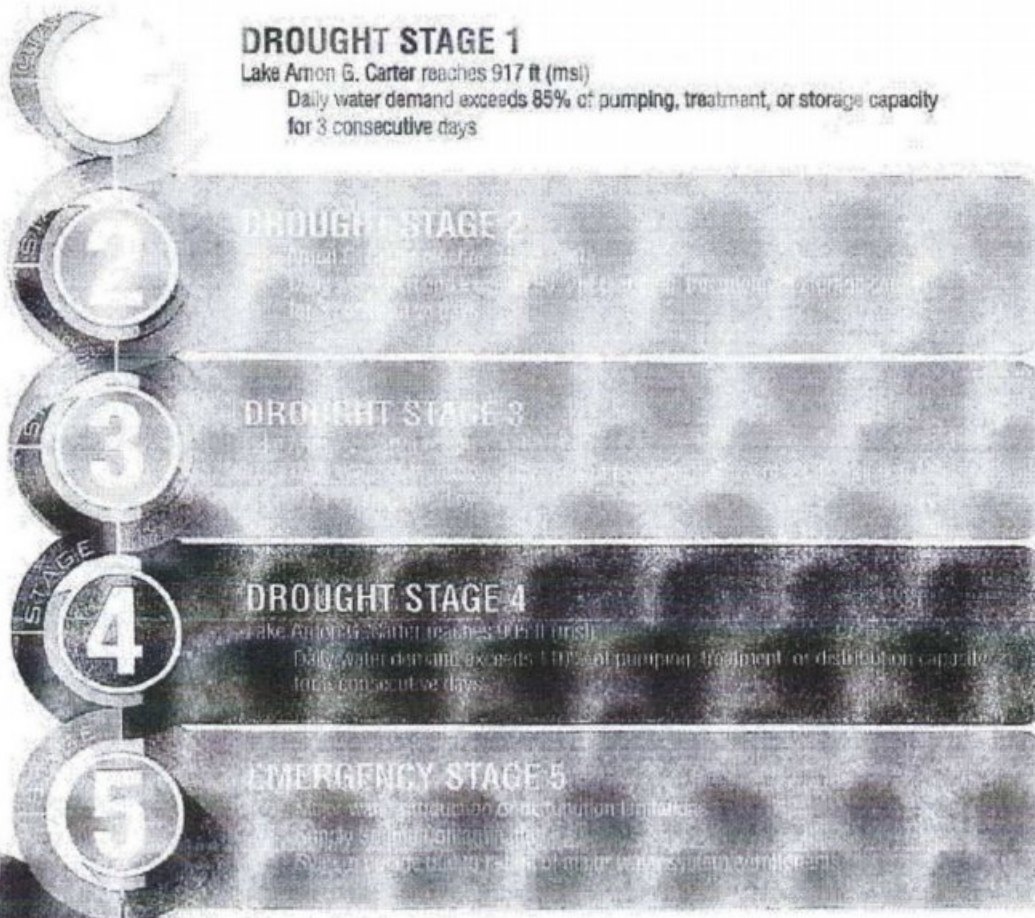
WATER AND
WASTEWATER
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THE PLAN WILL BE
POSTED ON THE
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DISCRETIONARY USES OF WATER



DROUGHT AND EMERGENCY TRIGGERS



WATERING SCHEDULE

	COMPLIANCE	ODD ADDRESSES	EVEN ADDRESSES
3	VOLUNTARY	Wednesday, Saturday	Thursday, Sunday
2	MANDATORY	Wednesday, Saturday	Thursday, Sunday
3	PROHIBITED	Wednesday	Thursday
4	NO WATERING All outdoor and non-essential uses of water are prohibited		

RESPONSE STAGES

