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## TEXAS COMMISSION ON ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY

*Protecting Texas by Reducing and Preventing Pollution*

February 27, 2007

Mr. Kent Watson, Owner  
Lake Limestone Coves Water System, Inc.  
P.O. Box 192  
Marquez, Texas 77865

Re: Water Rate/Tariff Change Application of Lake Limestone Coves Water System, Inc. in Robertson and Limestone Counties, Certificate of Convenience and Necessity No. 11909; Application No. 35453-R

CN: 600637870; RN: 101191716

Dear Mr. Watson:

The Texas Commission on Environmental Quality (TCEQ) did not receive protests to your rate change application from ten percent of your customers during the statutory comment period. Therefore, a public hearing on your rate change request will not be scheduled.

Your proposed rate schedule was effective on October 25, 2006, without public hearing according to the requirements of Texas Water Code, Section 13.187. Please mail a copy of the attached notice to each of your customers with your next billing.

**Enclosed are copies of the approved rate schedule pages for your tariffs. You should retain a complete copy of your utility's approved tariffs at each of the utility's business offices or designated sales offices.**

Pursuant to Texas Water Code, Section 13.187(d), you may not file a statement of intent to increase your rates more than once in a twelve month period except to implement an approved purchased water pass through adjustment or to adjust the rates of a newly acquired utility system; or unless a financial hardship exists as determined by the TCEQ.

You are required by TCEQ rules to assist anyone seeking information on your approved rates or service policies and to make copies of your tariffs available upon request at reasonable reproduction costs. You are also required to maintain copies of the current TCEQ Permanent Rules, 30 Texas Administrative Code, Chapter 290 and Chapter 291. I have enclosed a pamphlet explaining how to obtain copies of TCEQ rules.

If you have any questions, please contact Ms. Leila Guerrero-Gantioqui at 512/239-2286 or Mr. Kamal Adhikari at 512/239-0680, or if by correspondence include MC 153 in the letterhead address.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Tammy Benter". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Tammy Benter, Team Leader  
Utilities & Districts Section  
Water Supply Division

TB/EP/LG/KA/fg  
Enclosure

# WATER UTILITY TARIFF FOR

Lake Limestone Coves Water System, Inc.  
(Utility Name)

P.O. Box 192  
(Business Address)

Marquez, Texas 77865  
(City, State, Zip Code)

979/778-0202  
(Area Code/Telephone)

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

11909

This tariff is effective in the following counties:

Robertson and Limestone

This tariff is effective in the following cities or unincorporated towns (if any):

N/A

This tariff is effective in the following subdivisions or systems:

Lake Limestone Coves Water System, (PWS ID# 1980020); Limestone Coves and Summer Place

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The above utility lists the following sections of its tariff (if additional pages are needed for a section, all pages should be numbered consecutively):

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SECTION 1.0 -- RATE SCHEDULE

Section 1.01 - Rates

<u>Meter Size</u>	<u>Monthly Minimum Charge</u>	<u>Gallonge Charge</u>
5/8" x 3/4"	\$22.75 (Includes 1,000 gallons)	\$2.25 per 1000 gallons over the minimum

FORM OF PAYMENT: The utility will accept the following forms of payment:

Cash X, Check X, Money Order X, Credit Card \_\_\_\_\_, Other (specify) \_\_\_\_\_  
 THE UTILITY MAY REQUIRE EXACT CHANGE FOR PAYMENTS AND MAY REFUSE TO ACCEPT  
 PAYMENTS MADE USING MORE THAN \$1.00 IN SMALL COINS. A WRITTEN RECEIPT WILL BE GIVEN  
 FOR CASH PAYMENTS.

REGULATORY ASSESSMENT ..... 1.0%  
 TCEQ RULES REQUIRE THE UTILITY TO COLLECT A FEE OF ONE PERCENT OF THE RETAIL MONTHLY  
 BILL.

Section 1.02 - Miscellaneous Fees

TAP FEE 5/8x3/4" Meter .....\$350.00  
 TAP FEE COVERS THE UTILITY'S COSTS FOR MATERIALS AND LABOR TO INSTALL A STANDARD  
 RESIDENTIAL 5/8" or 3/4" METER. AN ADDITIONAL FEE TO COVER UNIQUE COSTS IS PERMITTED IF  
 LISTED ON THIS TARIFF.

TAP FEE (Large meter) .....Actual Cost  
 TAP FEE IS THE UTILITY'S ACTUAL COST FOR MATERIALS AND LABOR FOR METERS LARGER THAN  
 SATANDARD 1" METER.

METER TEST FEE .....\$25.00  
 THIS FEE WHICH SHOULD REFLECT THE UTILITY'S COST, MAY BE CHARGED IF A CUSTOMER  
 REQUESTS A SECOND METER TEST WITHIN A TWO-YEAR PERIOD AND THE TEST INDICATES THAT  
 THE METER IS RECORDING ACCURATELY. THE FEE MAY NOT EXCEED \$25.

RATES LISTED ARE EFFECTIVE ONLY IF  
 THIS PAGE HAS TCEQ APPROVAL STAMP

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SECTION 1.0 -- RATE SCHEDULE (CONT.)

RECONNECTION FEE

THE RECONNECT FEE MUST BE PAID BEFORE SERVICE CAN BE RESTORED TO A CUSTOMER WHO HAS BEEN DISCONNECTED FOR THE FOLLOWING REASONS (OR OTHER REASONS LISTED UNDER SECTION 2.0 OF THIS TARIFF):

- a) Non payment of bill (Maximum \$25.00).....\$25.00
- b) Customer's request that service be disconnected .....\$25.00

TRANSFER FEE .....\$25.00

THE TRANSFER FEE WILL BE CHARGED FOR CHANGING AN ACCOUNT NAME AT THE SAME SERVICE LOCATION WHEN THE SERVICE IS NOT DISCONNECTED

LATE CHARGE (EITHER \$5.00 OR 10% OF THE BILL) .....\$5.00

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RETURNED CHECK CHARGE .....\$25.00

RETURNED CHECK CHARGES MUST BE BASED ON THE UTILITY'S DOCUMENTABLE COST.

CUSTOMER DEPOSIT RESIDENTIAL (Maximum \$50) .....\$50.00

COMMERCIAL & NON-RESIDENTIAL DEPOSIT ..... 1/6TH OF ESTIMATED ANNUAL BILL

GOVERNMENTAL TESTING, INSPECTION AND COSTS SURCHARGE:

WHEN AUTHORIZED IN WRITING BY TCEQ AND AFTER NOTICE TO CUSTOMERS, THE UTILITY MAY INCREASE RATES TO RECOVER INCREASED COSTS FOR INSPECTION FEES AND WATER TESTING. [30 TAC 291.21(K)(2)]

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REFER TO SECTION 3.0--EXTENSION POLICY FOR TERMS, CONDITIONS, AND CHARGES WHEN NEW CONSTRUCTION IS NECESSARY TO PROVIDE SERVICE.

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LAKE LIMESTONE COVES WATER SYSTEM  
NOTICE TO CUSTOMERS OF RATES  
EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 25, 2006

The Texas Commission on Environmental Quality did not receive protests from 10% of the customers during the statutory comment period for the recently noticed rate increase. This rate increase was effective as proposed without hearing according to Section 13.187 of the Texas Water Code.

The following rates were effective on October 25, 2006:

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