

SECTION C. DEFINITIONS

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

Accessory Dwelling Unit – For the purpose of this policy, an accessory dwelling unit is a structure with a kitchen and restroom facilities that is located on the same tract of land (that is shown in county deed records) that is serving an existing Levi WSC member with an active water meter. The structure must be attached to the ground and not have wheels and not greater than 1200 square feet. See [Section E, Item 24 \(3\)](#)

Base Rate – The monthly charge assessed each Member/Customer for the opportunity of receiving service. The Base Rate is a fixed rate based upon the meter size as set forth in the equivalency chart in [Section G](#).

Board of Directors – The governing body elected by the Members of the 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 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 the Corporation to provide water utility service within a defined territory. The Corporation has been issued Certificate Number: 10018. Territory defined in the CCN shall be the Certificated Service Area. (See [Section D](#). Certificated Service Area Map(s))

Corporation – The Levi Water Supply Corporation.

Debt Owed to Corporation – All debts accrued by an individual customer that shall include but not be limited to past due bills from the current or other/former service location(s) of the customer, deferred payment agreements, fees and penalties incurred in accordance with this Tariff, disconnect/reconnect fees, Corporation assessments, and any other monetary amount accrued and owed to the Corporation.

Developer – Any person, partnership, cooperative corporation, corporation, agency, or public or private organization who subdivides land or requests more than two 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.

Equity Buy-In Fee – Each Applicant for new service where a new service tap is necessary shall be required to achieve parity with the contributions to the construction or acquisition of the Corporation's assets related to capacity that have been made previously by existing Members. This fee shall be calculated annually after receipt of the system audit and assessed prior to providing (or reserving service for nonstandard service applicants) on a per service unit basis for each property and shall be assigned and restricted to that property for which the service was originally requested. (See [Section G. 7.](#), also See [Section K](#), Equity buy in fee.)

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 easements, and location(s) of lakes, streams, or rivers through the property. The 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 F](#), 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/Customers of the Corporation as determined by the Corporation or regulatory authority.

Inactive Connection – Water connections tapped to the applicant's utility and that are not currently receiving water 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. (Tariff [Section E. 10 b.](#), and [Sample Application Packet - USDA RUS-TX Bulletin 1780-9](#) (Rev. 05/17))

Installation Fee - A fee charged for all costs necessary for installation of the type of service requested. (See [Section G](#), for breakdown of costs included in the fee.)

Liquidated Membership – A Membership that has been canceled due to delinquent charges or for other reasons as specified in this Tariff. (See [Section E.19 e.](#))

Master Meter – a complex in which a single meter serves two (2) or more residential dwelling units.

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. An applicant must be qualified for service and must have been certified as a member in accordance with the Corporation’s Tariff before service will be activated. ([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. (See Tariff Section [E.19](#) and [Texas Business Organizations Code Sections 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 not be refundable upon termination of service and surrendering the Membership. The membership fee cannot be more than 12 times the minimum monthly base rate.

Meter Test Fee - A fee assessed by the Corporation upon written request of the Member for testing the accuracy of the meter.

Proof of Ownership: For the purpose of this tariff, applicants for service and membership shall proof of ownership of the real estate to be served by copy of warranty deed, deed of trust or other recorded documentation. (see Texas Property Code, Title 3, Chapter 12, Section 12.001 and 12.0011).

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

Rural Utilities Service (RUS) – An agency of the United States Department of Agriculture Rural Development Mission Area that provides loan and grant funds for development of rural water systems serving communities with a population of less than ten thousand (10,000) people.

Renter – A customer who rents or leases property from a Member or who may otherwise be termed a tenant. (See Tariff Section [E. 18.](#))

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. (See Tariff [Section E. 1. b.](#), and Section J Miscellaneous Request for Service Discontinuance & Membership Cancellation)

Residence – any structure which is being used for human habitation, which may also include kitchen or restroom facilities or other evidence of habitation.

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. (See [Sample Application Packet RUS-TX Bulletin 1780-9](#) (Rev. 05/17)) or Non-Standard Service Contract.

Service Investigation Fee – A fee for costs associated with determining if service is available and determining cost of service. (See Tariff Section [F. 3. \(c\)](#), [F. 4.](#), and [G. 26](#)).

Service Trip Fee - A fee charged 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.

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" water meter. (See Tariff Section [G. 7](#) and [G. 14.](#))

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 or Person who Subdivides Land– 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.

Subdivision – An area of land that has been subdivided into lots or tracts.

TAC – Texas Administrative Code.

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

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.

Temporary Service – The classification assigned to an applicant that is in the process of construction. This could also apply to service for uses other than permanent (agricultural, road construction, drilling, livestock, etc.). The Board will set the length of time associated with this classification. This classification will change to permanent service after requirements in Tariff Section [E. 25](#), [E. 26](#), [E. 27](#), and [E. 28](#) are met. Applicant must have paid an Indication of Interest Fee.

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

Transfer Fee - A fee assessed by the Corporation for costs associated with transferring membership. (See Tariff [Section E. 19. c.](#), [Section G. 28](#) and [Texas Water Code Section 67.016](#))

Transferee – An Applicant receiving a Membership by legal means from a Transferor desiring to forfeit and transfer current rights of Membership to another person or entity. (See Tariff [Section E. 19. c.](#), [Section G. 28](#) and [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 or sewer 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 [Section E.5.b.](#); See also PUC Rules [16 TAC §24.165\(i\)](#) regarding estimated bills.)

Water Conservation Penalty – A penalty that may be assessed under [Section H](#) of this Tariff to enforce customer/member water conservation practices during drought contingency or emergency water demand circumstances. (See [Texas Water Code Section 67.011 \(b\)](#) and [Section H. 7](#))