

DISTRICT USE ONLY

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TRI-COUNTY SPECIAL UTILITY DISTRICT SERVICE APPLICATION AND AGREEMENT

Please Print: DATE _____

APPLICANT'S NAME _____

CO-APPLICANT'S NAME _____

CURRENT BILLING ADDRESS:

FUTURE BILLING ADDRESS:

PHONE NUMBER - Home (_____) _____ - _____

Work (_____) _____ - _____

PROOF OF OWNERSHIP PROVIDED BY Copy of Recorded Deed

DRIVER'S LICENSE NUMBER OF APPLICANT _____

PHYSICAL ADDRESS OF PROPERTY - LEGAL DESCRIPTION OF PROPERTY (See Deed attached)

PREVIOUS OWNER'S NAME AND ADDRESS

ACREAGE _____

HOUSEHOLD SIZE _____

NUMBER IN FAMILY _____

LIVESTOCK & NUMBER _____

SPECIAL SERVICE NEEDS OF APPLICANT _____

NOTE: FORM MUST BE COMPLETED BY APPLICANT ONLY. A MAP OF SERVICE LOCATION REQUEST MUST BE ATTACHED.

The following information is requested by the Federal Government in order to monitor compliance with Federal laws prohibiting discrimination against applicants seeking to participate in this program. You are not required to furnish this information, but are encouraged to do so. This information will not be used in evaluating your application or to discriminate against you in any way. However, if you choose not to furnish it, we are required to note the race/national origin of individual applicants on the basis of visual observation or surname.

Ethnicity: Hispanic or Latino
 Not of Hispanic or Latino

Race: White Black or African American American Indian/Alaska Native
 Asian Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander

Gender: Male Female

AGREEMENT made this _____ day of _____, _____, between

Tri-County Special Utility District, a utility district organized under the laws of the State of Texas

(Hereinafter called the District) and _____

(Hereinafter called the Applicant and/or Customer),

Witnesseth:

The District shall sell and deliver water service to the Applicant and the Applicant shall purchase and receive service from the District in accordance with the bylaws and Service Policies of the District as amended from time to time by the Board of Directors of the District. Upon compliance with said policies, including payment of a Deposit Fee, the Applicant qualifies to obtain water service as a new customer.

The Customer shall pay the District for service hereunder as determined by the District's Service Policies and upon the terms and conditions set forth therein, a copy of which has been provided as an information packet, for which Customer acknowledges receipt hereof by execution of this agreement. A copy of this agreement shall be executed before service may be provided to the Applicant.

The Board of Directors shall have the authority to discontinue service and liquidate the Deposit Fee of any Customer not complying with any policy or not paying any utility fees or charges as required by the District's published rates, fees, and conditions of service. At any time service is discontinued, terminated or suspended, the District shall not re-establish service unless it has a current, signed copy of this agreement.

If this agreement is completed for the purpose of assigning utility service as a part of a rural domestic water system loan project contemplated with the Rural Development/Texas Water Development Board, an Applicant shall pay for a hydraulic study performed by the engineer in lieu of a Deposit Fee for the purposes of determining:

- a. The number of taps to be considered in the design and
- b. The number of potential ratepayers considered in determining the financial feasibility of constructing
 - 1) A new water system or
 - 2) Expanding the facilities of an existing water system.

The Applicant hereby agrees to obtain and utilize service as soon as it is available. Please note the hydraulic study quote from the engineer is good for (180) days from the conception of the study. After (180) days the project is considered dead and the applicant has to start over. Applicant further agrees to pay, upon becoming a customer, the monthly charges for such service as prescribed in the District's Service Policies. If delivery of service to said location is deemed infeasible by the District as part of this project, the Applicant shall be denied service by the District. The Applicant may re-apply for service at a later date under the terms and conditions of the District's policies.

All water shall be metered by meters to be furnished and installed by the District. The meter connection is for the sole use of the Customer and is to provide service to only one (1) dwelling or one (1) business. Extension of pipe(s) to transfer utility service from one property to another, to share, resell, or sub-meter water to any other persons, dwellings, businesses, or property, etc., is prohibited.

The District shall have the right to locate a water service meter and the pipe necessary to connect the meter on the customer's property at a point to be chosen by the District, and shall have access to its property and equipment located upon the customer's premises at all reasonable and necessary times for any purpose connected with or in the furtherance of its business operations, and upon discontinuance of service the District shall have the right to remove any of its equipment from the Customer's property. The Customer shall install, at their own expense, any necessary service lines from the District's facilities and equipment to the point of use, including any customer service isolation valves, backflow prevention devices, clean-outs, and other equipment as may be specified by the District. The District shall also have access to the Customer's property for the purpose of inspecting for possible cross-connections, potential contamination hazards, and illegal lead materials, and any other violations or possible violations of state and federal statutes and regulations relating to the Federal Safe Drinking Water Act or Chapter 341 of the Texas Health & Safety Code and/or the District's Service Policies.

The District is responsible for protecting the drinking water supply from contamination or pollution which could result from improper practices. This service agreement serves as notice to each customer of the restrictions which are in place to provide this protection. The District shall enforce these restrictions to ensure the public health and welfare. The following undesirable practices are prohibited by state regulations:

- a. No direct connection between the public drinking water supply and a potential source of contamination is permitted. Potential sources of contamination shall be isolated from the public water system by an air gap or an appropriate backflow prevention assembly in accordance with state regulations.
- b. No cross-connection between the public drinking water supply and a private water system is permitted. These potential threats to the public drinking water supply shall be eliminated at the service connection by the proper installation of an air gap or a reduced pressure-zone backflow prevention assembly and a service agreement must exist for annual inspection and testing by a certified backflow prevention device tester.
- c. No connection which allows condensing, cooling, or industrial process water to be returned to the public drinking water supply is permitted.
- d. The use of pipes and pipe fittings that contain more than 0.25% lead or solders and flux that contain more than 0.2% lead is prohibited for installation or repair of any public water supply and for installation or repair of any plumbing in a residential or nonresidential facility providing water for human consumption and connected to a public drinking water supply system. This requirement may be waived for lead joints that are necessary for repairs to cast iron pipe.

The District shall maintain a copy of this agreement as long as the Customer and/or premises are connected to the public water system. The Customer shall allow their property to be inspected for possible cross-connections, potential contamination hazards, and illegal lead materials. These inspections shall be conducted by the District or its designated agent prior to initiating service and periodically thereafter. The inspections shall be conducted during the District's normal business hours.

The District shall notify Customer in writing of any cross-connections or other undesirable practices which have been identified during the initial or subsequent inspection. The Customer shall immediately correct any undesirable practice on their premises. The Customer shall, at their expense properly install, test, and maintain any backflow prevention device required by the District. Copies of all testing and maintenance records shall be provided to the District as required. Failure to comply with the terms of this Service Agreement shall cause the District to terminate service or properly install, test, and maintain an appropriate backflow prevention device at the service connection. Any expenses associated with the enforcement of this agreement shall be billed to the Customer.

In the event the total water supply is insufficient to meet all of the Customers, or in the event there is a shortage of water, the District may initiate the Emergency Rationing Program as specified in the District's Drought Contingency Plan. By execution of this agreement, the Applicant hereby shall comply with the terms of said program.

By execution hereof, the Applicant shall hold the District harmless from any and all claims for damages caused by service interruptions due to waterline breaks by utility or like contractors, tampering by other Customer/users of the District, normal failures of the system, or other events beyond the District's control.

The Applicant shall grant to the District permanent recorded easement(s) dedicated to the District for the purpose of providing reasonable rights of access and use to allow the District to construct, maintain, replace, upgrade, parallel, inspect, test and operate any facilities necessary to serve that Applicant as well as the District's purposes in providing system-wide service for existing or future customers.

By execution hereof, the Applicant shall guarantee payment of all other rates, fees, and charges due on any account for which said Applicant holds a Deposit Fee. Said guarantee shall pledge any and all Deposit Fees against any balance due the District. Liquidation of said Deposit Fees shall give rise to discontinuance of service under the terms and conditions of the District's Service Policies.

By execution hereof, the Applicant agrees that non-compliance with the terms of this agreement by said Applicant shall constitute denial or discontinuance of service until such time as the violation is corrected to the satisfaction of the District.

Any misrepresentation of the facts by the Applicant on any of the four pages of this agreement shall result in discontinuance of service pursuant to the terms and conditions of the District's Service Policies.

Witnessed

Applicant/Customer

Approved and Accepted

Date Approved