

BECKER-JIBAWATER SUPPLY CORPORATION

SERVICE APPLICATION AND AGREEMENT

CORPORATION USE ONLY	
Date Approved:	_____
Service Classification:	_____
Cost:	_____
Work Order Number:	_____
Eng. Update:	_____
Account Number:	_____
Service Inspection Date:	_____

Please Print: DATE _____

APPLICANT'S NAME _____

EMAIL ADDRESS: _____

CO-APPLICANT'S NAME _____

CURRENT BILLING ADDRESS: _____
FUTURE BILLING ADDRESS: _____

CITY _____ STATE _____ ZIP _____

PHONE NUMBER - Home (_____) _____ - _____ Work (_____) _____ - _____

PROOF OF OWNERSHIP PROVIDED BY _____

DRIVER'S LICENSE NUMBER OF APPLICANT _____ EXP _____ DOB _____

LEGAL DESCRIPTION OF PROPERTY (Include name of road, subdivision with lot and block number)

PREVIOUS OWNER'S NAME AND ADDRESS (if transferring Membership)

ACREAGE _____ HOUSEHOLDSIZE _____

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

White, Not of Hispanic Origin Black, Not of Hispanic Origin American Indian or Alaskan Native Hispanic Asian or Pacific Islander Other (Specify) Male Female



We are pledged to the letter and spirit of the U.S. policy for equal housing opportunity throughout the nation. We encourage and support an advertising and marketing program in which there are no barriers to obtaining housing because of race, color, religion, sex, handicap or familial status or national origin. **EQUAL OPPORTUNITY PROGRAM**

AGREEMENT made this _____ day of _____, _____, between Becker-Jiba Water Supply Corporation, a corporation organized under the laws of the State of Texas (hereinafter called the Corporation) and _____ (hereinafter called the Applicant and/or Member),

Witnesseth:

The Corporation shall sell and deliver water service to the Applicant and the Applicant shall purchase, receive, and/or reserve service from the Corporation in accordance with the bylaws and tariff of the Corporation as amended from time to time by the Board of Directors of the Corporation. Upon compliance with said policies, including payment of a Membership Fee, the Applicant qualifies for Membership as a new applicant or continued Membership as a transferee and thereby may hereinafter be called a Member.

The Member shall pay the Corporation for service hereunder as determined by the Corporation's tariff and upon the terms and conditions set forth therein, a copy of which has been provided as an information packet, for which Member 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 cancel the Membership of any Member not complying with any policy or not paying any utility fees or charges as required by the Corporation's published rates, fees, and conditions of service. At any time service is discontinued, terminated or suspended, the Corporation 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 and/or wastewater system loan project contemplated with the Rural Development, an Applicant shall pay an Indication of Interest Fee in lieu of a Membership 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, utilize, and/or reserve service as soon as it is available. Applicant, upon qualification for service under the terms of the Corporation's policies, shall further qualify as a Member and the Indication of Interest Fee shall then be converted by the Corporation to a Membership Fee. Applicant further agrees to pay, upon becoming a Member, the monthly charges for such service as prescribed in the Corporation's tariff. Any breach of this agreement shall give cause for the Corporation to liquidate, as damages, the fees previously paid as an indication of interest. In addition to any Indication of Interest Fees forfeited, the Corporation may assess a lump sum of \$300.00 as liquidated damages to defray any losses incurred by the Corporation. If delivery of service to said location is deemed infeasible by the Corporation as a part of this project, the Applicant shall be denied

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Membership in the Corporation and the Indication of Interest Fee, less expenses, shall be refunded. The Applicant may re-apply for service at a later date under the terms and conditions of the Corporation's policies. For the purposes of this agreement, an Indication of Interest Fee shall be \$500.00.

All water shall be metered by meters to be furnished and installed by the Corporation. The meter and 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 transfer utility service from one property to another, to share, resell, or submeter water to any other persons, dwellings, businesses, or property, etc., is prohibited.

The Corporation shall have the right to locate a water service meter and the pipe necessary to connect the meter on the Member's property at a point to be chosen by the Corporation, and shall have access to its property and equipment located upon Member'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 Corporation shall have the right to remove any of its equipment from the Member's property. The Member shall install, at their own expense, any necessary service lines from the Corporation'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 Corporation. The Corporation shall also have access to the Member's property for the purpose of inspecting for possible cross-connections, potential contamination hazards, 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 or and the corporation's tariff and service policies.

The Corporation 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 Corporation 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. No pipe or pipe fitting which contains more than 8.0 % lead may be used for the installation or repair of plumbing on or after July 1, 1988, at any connection, which provides water for human consumption.
- e. No solder or flux which contains more than 0.2 % lead may be used for the installation or repair plumbing on or after July 1, 1988, at any connection, which provides water for human consumption
- f. No plumbing fixture is installed which is not in compliance with a state-approved plumbing code.

The Corporation shall maintain a copy of this agreement as long as the Member and/or premises is connected to the public water system. The Member 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 Corporation or its designated agent prior to initiating service and periodically thereafter. The inspections shall be conducted during the Corporation's normal business hours.

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

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

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

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

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

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 Corporation.

Any misrepresentation of the facts by the Applicant on any of the five pages of this agreement shall result in discontinuance of service pursuant to the terms and conditions of the Corporation's tariff.

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The Member/User of Water from Becker-Jiba Water Supply Corporation is hereby notified that the applicable standards of the International Plumbing Code in regards to backflow, back siphonage including Sprinkler System protection.

The Member/User of water from Becker-Jiba is hereby notified that all water meter installations have a check valve installed. This check valve makes the home plumbing become a closed system.

Thermal expansion occurs when water is heated. The check valve prevents the expanded water produced by the heater from returning to the water system. Since water cannot be compressed the expanded water can cause a rapid increase in pressure in the pipe. Often the pressure will exceed the setting of the temperature and pressure safety relief valve located in the water heater. This will result in the loss of hot water at the relief valve and more importantly, it can shorten the life of this very important safety device

CAUTION: never plug a dripping safety relief valve!

This is important because the water heater can explode if excessive temperature and pressure build up. Water heaters **must** have a temperature and pressure relief valve. It is your responsibility to check the system annually, but no less than every three years to make sure the safety valve is in good order.

The home water system can be protected using a potable water expansion tank which absorbs the thermal expansion and maintains a balanced system pressure or by use of an anti-siphon ball cock assembly in the fill for the commode.

By signing this agreement it is agreed, the Member/User understands there must be a functioning temperature, pressure relief valve installed in the water heater. That it is recommended a potable water thermal expansion unit or a combination anti-siphon/pressure reducing ball cock assembly be installed in the home plumbing to prevent the possibility of the water heater exploding if the water in the water heater over heats and is not able to expand.

Witnesseth

Applicant Member

Approved and Accepted

Date Approved