

Lindsay Koskiniemi

From: Rudolph, Mark [REDACTED]
Sent: Tuesday, March 5, 2024 10:23 AM
To: Lindsay Koskiniemi
Cc: Huebner, William; Karla Wilson; Terrence Bell; Ruiz, Morgan
Subject: RE: Sweeny - WWTP Plant Permit Agreement
Attachments: Complete Permit Renewal Application (2019)_Optimized.pdf

Lindsay,

As discussed, these WWTP permits are on a 5-year renewal cycle which is why the last round was in 2019. It is essentially renewal of TCEQ's authorization for the WWTP to discharge to a waterbody and the plant can't remain in operation without it.

Please see attached for a PDF copy of the full set of application documents we prepared in 2019 for your reference. Note that the application essentially consists of filling out two TCEQ forms and preparing the exhibits located towards the end of the PDF for supporting documentation. It has been my experience that smaller communities typically use the assistance of an engineer to complete these permit applications due to the amount and type of information that is required. Once documents are submitted to the TCEQ, they will perform a series of reviews and will require the City to publish two notices in a local paper. Finally, they issue a draft permit for review and approval before the final is posted.

After checking our records, it looks like our fee for the 2019 renewal assistance was \$14,000. The primary differences between our current proposed fee and our previous one in 2019 are due to increases in our hourly rates and a recent update that TCEQ made to the standard application forms which requires additional effort. Note that our fee does not include fees related to newspaper publications or laboratory testing, which are typically covered directly by the City, but we do assist with coordination of these two tasks.

On a personal basis, I have worked on a number of these permit renewals for various small and large cities and also have extensive experience dealing with TCEQ during their portion of the review process. If you have any other questions about the process or what it involves, please let me know and I can walk you through it.

Regards,



Mark Rudolph, P.E.

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Subject: RE: Sweeny - WWTP Plant Permit Agreement
Importance: High

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Hi Mark,

I just want to understand what has been done in the past.

I just noticed the task order amount is \$18,000.

Is that the going rate for a sewer plant permit?

Is this an annual obligation?

In hindsight, before your team starts, I am not comfortable with that expense and need to understand more of what exactly is involved with the work to renew/reapply for this permit.

I would appreciate an in-depth explanation of what this permit is, how often it is required to be completed and submitted, and what kind of work comes with an \$18,000 price tag.

Please do not do any work on this until we have spoken, and my team and I understand what is involved.

From earlier emails, it sounds like this was last completed by Strand in 2019, which leads me to believe it has been completed by City staff over the last 4 years, if it's an annual application.

Thank you,

Lindsay Koskiniemi, CGFO, CPM, MPA, MSA
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From: Rudolph, Mark [REDACTED] >
Sent: Monday, March 4, 2024 4:55 PM
To: Lindsay Koskiniemi <citymanager@sweenytx.gov>
Subject: RE: Sweeny - WWTP Plant Permit Agreement

Lindsay,

Just wanted to confirm that we received the fully executed agreement via DocuSign. Please see attached for a PDF copy for the City's records.

We will get started on this shortly. Feel free to contact me with any questions.

Regards,



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Great thank you. I received the docusign and will complete it.

Thanks,

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Lindsay,

I can't speak for Inframark but I can confirm that we did the last permit renewal for the City back during the 2019 cycle.

Regards,



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Hi Logan,

I received the docusign for the WWTP permit renewal. I just want to make sure that we are not overlapping any provider service.

I assume we have always had Strand do this task and want to make sure Inframark, our water/ww ops consultant has not already done this.

Thanks,

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From: Andrepont, Logan <[REDACTED]>
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Subject: Sweeny - WWTP Plant Permit Agreement

Lindsay,

Good morning. Recently we executed the Main Street Water Main agreement via DocuSign. Do you want to execute all future agreements with DocuSign including the WWTP Permit Renewal?

Also, thanks for quick acknowledgement for the TxDOT submittal!!!

Regards,



Logan Andrepont

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