
Request for Call: Temporary Manager Needed for Casey Home Estates Water Utility

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Hi Mr. Criswell and Mr. Scott,

My name is Nima Momtahan, and I'm with the Division of Utility Outreach at the Public Utility Commission of Texas (PUCT). I'm reaching out regarding an urgent situation that could impact residents close to the City of Wolfforth who receive water service from Casey Home Estates Water Utility (CCN No. 12231).

Would you be available for a brief call to discuss the possibility of the city, taking over Casey Home Estates, or serving as a Temporary Manager (TM) for this system until a long-term solution is achieved? We believe this is an opportunity for the city to make a meaningful difference for these customers.

If you'd like to review the details before we speak, here is an overview of the situation:

Background

- **Utility Name:** Casey Home Estates Water
- **Connections:** 104
- **Ownership:** Private (currently in transition)
- **CCN No.:** 12231
- **PWS Name:** Seven Estates (PWS ID No. 1520188)

The system has faced ongoing ownership and operational challenges. In 2022, the owner announced plans to abandon the utility due to health reasons. PUCT intervention and assistance from Central States Water Resources (CSWR) prevented immediate abandonment, but CSWR has now withdrawn its application to acquire the Utility due to unresolved land use issues. Without a Temporary Manager, the system will likely be abandoned, potentially putting 104 connections of the system at risk of losing access to continuous and adequate water service.

View the CCN service area here: <https://arcg.is/1OeDzX0>

Role of Temporary Manager

- Assume operational control of the water system.
- Send bills based on the utility's approved tariff (https://interchange.puc.texas.gov/Documents/53075_82_1184253.PDF) and collect funds.
- Ensure continuous and adequate water service for all customers.
- Submit monthly reports to PUCT.

Compensation

A TM fee of around \$15 per connection per month would be set to compensate the TM for its time and services. The TM would add this fee to customer bills as a separate line item. Additionally, if the utility's

approved tariff does not cover operating costs, the TM can apply for a temporary rate increase under PUCT rules.

I'd appreciate the chance to discuss this with you and answer any questions. Please let me know a convenient time for a call, or feel free to reach me directly at (512) 936-7113 or nima.momtahan@puc.texas.gov.

Thank you for considering this opportunity to support the community.

Thanks,
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