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**Board of Directors** 

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April 26, 2022

To: Members of Barton Water Supply Corporation

**RE**: Rate Increase

This letter is to inform you that after consideration and completion of a Rate Survey Study the Board of Directors for Barton Water Supply Corporation voted to increase the availability fee from \$68.00 to \$69.00 and the gallonage charge by .25 per thousand gallons. This rate increase will be reflected on your May bill that will be due on or before June 15<sup>th</sup>.

The Rate Survey Study is conducted by utilizing the Texas Rural Water Association (TRWA) formula and spreadsheet and based off of the 2021 financial audit, as well as information to date. The Rate Survey Study is required for compliance by the Public Utility Commission (PUC) and has been filed with that entity. The 2021 Financial Audit and the Rate Survey Study are posted on our website at bartonwatersupply.com. You can also obtain a hard copy by calling or visiting our office.

The gallonage increase is a pass-through cost due to a rate increase by the City of Gordon. Ordinance No. 20-12 went into effect January 2021, and includes a 3% increase annually until 2025.

Additionally, it will likely be necessary to assess the membership for legal fees that are being incurred after the corporation was served with a civil action summons at the end of December 2021. This is in accordance with our corporate bylaws, Article XVIII and our tariff, Section G, Rates and Service Fees, 2. *Assessments*.

As a reminder, Barton WSC is a 501c(12) non-profit organization and is governed by a board of volunteers who are members of the corporation. Board meetings are held the second Thursday of the month, members are always welcome, and agendas are posted on our website and at our office.

Please feel free to contact us if you have any questions or concerns.

Thank you,

Board of Directors Barton Water Supply Corporation