

By: King of Parker

H.B. No. 2486

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

1  
2 relating to the consolidation of more than one water or sewer system  
3 under a single tariff by an investor-owned utility.

4 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:

5 SECTION 1. Section 13.145(a), Water Code, is amended to  
6 read as follows:

7 (a) A utility may consolidate more than one system under a  
8 single tariff only if:

9 (1) the regulatory authority finds that at the time  
10 the utility applies for a uniform tariff, all of the systems under  
11 the tariff are substantially similar in terms of facilities,  
12 quality of service, and cost of service; and

13 (2) the tariff provides for rates that promote water  
14 conservation for single-family residences and landscape  
15 irrigation.

16 SECTION 2. The changes in law made by this Act apply only to  
17 applications for a uniform tariff filed on or after the effective  
18 date of this Act. An application filed before the effective date of  
19 this Act is governed by the law in effect on the date the  
20 application is filed, and that law is continued in effect for this  
21 purpose.

22 SECTION 3. This Act takes effect September 1, 2009.