

**CHAPTER 24. SUBSTANTIVE RULES APPLICABLE TO WATER AND SEWER SERVICE PROVIDERS.**

**Subchapter B. RATES AND TARIFFS.**

**§24.44. Rate-case Expenses Pursuant to Texas Water Code §13.187 and §13.1871.**

- (a) A utility may recover rate-case expenses, including attorney fees, incurred as a result of filing a rate-change application pursuant to TWC §13.187 or TWC §13.1871, only if the expenses are just, reasonable, necessary, and in the public interest.
- (b) A utility may not recover any rate-case expenses if the increase in revenue generated by the just and reasonable rate determined by the commission after a contested case hearing is less than 51% of the increase in revenue that would have been generated by a utility's proposed rate.
- (c) A utility may not recover any rate-case expenses incurred after the date of a written settlement offer by all ratepayer parties if the revenue generated by the just and reasonable rate determined by the commission after a contested case hearing is less than or equal to the revenue that would have been generated by the rate contained in the written settlement offer.
- (d) Unamortized rate-case expenses may not be a component of invested capital for calculation of rate-of-return purposes.