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Texas Commission on Environmental Quality Water Supply Division Utilities & Districts Section, MC 153 P.O. Box 13087 Austin, TX 78711-3087

Re: CCN 12821, Fremont Water Company



We live in the Homestead at Turtle Creek neighborhood in Kerrville, Texas, along with approximately 58 homes/neighbors and are located in CCN #12821 licensed to, owned and operated by the Freemont Water Company (Fred and Monte Gregory) as of February of 2014.

We recently received a notification of water rate increase amounting to a <u>94% increase</u>, based on our usual monthly water bill for approximately 6900 gallons/month.

We agree an enterprise such as the Fremont Water Company is entitled to a reasonable rate of return on their investment, but this is an unreasonable amount of increase, and we wish to file a protest with TCEQ and join with many of our neighbors in requesting a hearing on this matter.

Also, most water companies, in the interest of water conservation, charge an increasing sliding scale for those who use larger quantities of water, (as did this water company previously), but now they have a levelized scale regardless of the amount of water used.

Sincerely,

Richard E. Ayers

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