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RATEPAYER COMMENTS/REQUESTS TO INTERVENE

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If you wish to comment on, or intervene in, the proposed rate change, submit this form and 10 copies to:
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Public Utility Commission of Texas
1701 North Congress Avenue
P.O. Box 13326
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CUSTOMER INFORMATION (to be completed by customers submitting comments or requests to intervene)

First Name: LARRY Last Name: ELLSWORTH
Phone Number: 903 451 4611 Fax Number: SAME AS PHONE #
Address, City, State: 369 ST. ANDREWS MABANK, TX 75156
Location where service is received: _____
(if different from the mailing address)

PLEASE SELECT ONE OF THE FOLLOWING:

I wish to be a COMMENTER. I understand that: I am NOT a party to this case; my comments are not considered evidence in this case; and I have no further obligation to participate in the proceeding. Public comments may help inform the PUC of the public concerns and identify issues to be explored. Please provide comments below. Attach a separate page, if necessary.

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I am requesting to INTERVENE in this proceeding. As an INTERVENOR, I understand that: I am a party to the case; I am required to respond to all discovery requests from other parties; I may be required to attend hearings, and if I file testimony, I may be cross-examined in the hearing; if I file any documents in the case, I must provide a copy to every other party in the case; and I acknowledge that I am bound by the Procedural Rules of the PUC and the State Office of Administrative Hearings (SOAH).

Signature of Commenter or Intervenor:

Larry Ellsworth

Date: 8/9/16

Si desea informacion en Espanol, puede llamar al
1-888-782-8477

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512-936-7136

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My wife Debbie and I live in Henderson County in Texas where we moved after retirement fifteen years ago. In 15 years, we have seen the cost of our water go from reasonable to ridiculous. Our base bill, if we do NOT USE A DROP in one month, is around \$125.00. This is before Monarch's impending increase. Our total cost for water in 2015 was \$2,789.00 which averages out to \$232 per month. We have neighboring communities whose basic bill is one-third to one-half of what ours is. I can only conclude that the reason for this difference is because the homes in our neighborhood are upscale. IS THIS FAIR? It seems to be discriminatory to me. We use water sparingly, only watering our lawn and flowerbeds enough to keep them alive. Monarch has no competition and we have no other choice but to use them.

All I am asking is to be treated in a fair and reasonable way. When we decide to sell our home, we will have to discount it heavily in order to compensate for the cost of our water. Can you imagine what the cost of water will be in five to ten years?

Please consider this matter conscientiously and realize that a rate increase should NOT be implemented on an already exorbitant water cost. Thank you.