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## **P.U.C. DOCKET NO.** 45570

## RATEPAYER COMMENTS/REQUESTS TO INTERVENE

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(please circle one)  $PU_{AL} = 0$ If you wish to comment on, or intervene in, the proposed rate change, submit this form and  $P_{AL} = 0$   $PU_{AL} = 0$ 

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| CUSTOMER INFORMATION (to be completed by customers submitting comments or requests to intervene)  |  |  |  |  |
|---|--|--|--|--|
| First Name: Deborah Last Name: Lumpkins   |  |  |  |  |
| Phone Number: 903 451-0184 Fax Number:  |  |  |  |  |
| Address, City, State: Mibank TX   |  |  |  |  |
| Location where service is received: 114 Trails End St.  |  |  |  |  |
| (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.  |  |  |  |  |
| 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:  Date: 3-23-2016  |  |  |  |  |
| Si desea informacion en Espanol, puede llamar al  |  |  |  |  |

Hearing- and speech-impaired individuals with text telephones may contact the PUC's Customer Assistance Hotline at

1-888-782-8477

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## MONARCH UTILITIES SPILLVIEW II ESTATES

| ¥7.0        | Sewer Rate            |                  |                  |
|-------------|-----------------------|------------------|------------------|
| <u>Year</u> | <u>Based on Usage</u> | <u>Base Rate</u> | <u>Usage Fee</u> |
| 2004        | \$ 35.50              |                  |                  |
| 2005        | 37.50                 |                  |                  |
| 2007        | 49.59                 |                  |                  |
| 2009        | 59.00                 |                  |                  |
| 2010        | 63.72                 |                  |                  |
| 2013        |                       | \$ 59.90         | \$ 10.50         |
| 2014        |                       | 65.83            | 11.32            |
| 2015        |                       | 67.80            | 12.14            |

Not that it will make a difference in granting another increase, as a rate payer to Monarch for sewer only, I am choosing to comment and provide information regarding Monarch's request for yet another rate increase. Our sewer rates have continued to steadily climb since Monarch Utilities purchased this utility company, and rates have risen almost yearly despite essentially the same amount of sewer water running through the same sewer pipes. In 2013 a Base Rate was created in addition to a Usage Fee implemented.

For a household that consumes normally less than 5,000 gallons a month, it would seem obvious that these sewer rates would exceed a fair and reasonable rate of return for profit.