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**RATEPAYER PROTEST**

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If you wish to PROTEST the proposed rate change, you must submit this form and 10 copies to

Filing Clerk  
Public Utility Commission of Texas  
1701 North Congress Avenue  
P.O. Box 13326  
Austin, Texas 78711-3326

Unless protests are received from at least 10% of ratepayers or from any affected municipality, or the Commission Staff requests a hearing, no hearing will be held, and the rates will be effective as proposed.

CUSTOMER INFORMATION (to be completed by customers submitting protests)

First Name: TIM Last Name: BLAKENEY

Phone Number: 817 247-6040 Fax Number: \_\_\_\_\_


Address, City, State: 301 WINDING OAKS LN N, BARLETTA, TX 76028

Location where service is received: \_\_\_\_\_  
(if different from the mailing address)

Please fill out the following:

I wish to PROTEST the following proposed rate action/s:

- Water Rate Change
- Sewer Rate Change
- Both Water and Sewer Rate Change
- Other (please specify below)

Signature of Protestant:  Date: 1/13/2020

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

Hearing- and speech-impaired individuals with text telephones may contact the PUCT's Customer Assistance  
Hotline at  
512-936-7136

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13-Jan-20

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RE: Protest od Sewer Rate Change for Country Vista, Burleson, Texas

I would like to formally protest the rate change for my Sewer Service. Country Vista is a upscale neighborhood in northern Johnson County with 114 houses and a private sewer system. The sewer facility was built around 1996 and has operated with only normal maintenance since then. It was built to a high standard of quality. Undine Texas LLC has requested a rate increase of 71.17% which is \$56.40 per month. Their new proposed monthly rate would be \$135.65. I find this absurd since my water bill is less than \$60.00 per month for the months in which I am not watering my lawn. How can it cost 232.75% more to treat my waste water than it cost to supply me clean, potable water. In Undine's 435 page application there are numerous Attorney Bills, proposed Attorney Fees, acquisition cost, repair cost, upgrade cost for sewer and water systems that are in the Houston and surrounding communities. We are being lumped into a rate request for 7,921 customers that are over 200 miles away. My neighbors only a block away in Bent Oaks pay less than \$40.00 for the sewer service. Why do we have to pay almost 3.5 times as much? Undine's application is full of business cost that are NOT associated with our sewer plant. I do not mind sharing some of the cost burden for my neighbors but I do not think it is fair that such a large corporation is passing on cost to me for purchasing sewer plants, purchasing sewer plants that are not up to code, repairing sewer plants in Houston, maintaining Houston sewer plants, and attorney fees associated with those endeavors. Undine is using their large corporate size to bully us into a higher rate. I personally feel discriminated against by their tactics and the structure of their application for the rate increase. The application is worded in such a way that the Customers can not comprehend as Undine's legal team intended. It is worded and structured so that only an attorney can follow and is filled with spreadsheets that make no sense as well as intentionally disorganized so to hinder anyone trying to evaluate to cost associated with the rate increase. I feel that the Country Vista sewer treatment plant should be looked at in a individual basis so we can mutually find the correct sewer rate. Undine should redo the application on a more organized and readable manner with the individual cost for each treatment plant.

Sincerely,



Tim Blakeney  
301 Winding Oaks Ln N ( Country Vista)  
Burleson, Tx. 76028  
817-247-6040