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If you want to be a PROTESTOR only, please complete this form. Although public comments are not treated as evidence, they help inform the PUC and its staff of the public concerns and identify issues to be explored. The PUC welcomes such participation in its proceedings.

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I am NOT requesting to intervene in this proceeding. As a PROTESTOR, I understand the following:

- 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.

Please check one of the following:

- ☐ I own property with a habitable structure located near one or more of the utility's proposed routes for a transmission line.
- ☐ One or more of the utility's proposed routes would cross my property.
- ☒ Other. Please describe and provide comments. You may attach a separate page, if necessary. _____

The RATE INCREASE would AFFECT ME AS I USE
THEIR WASTEWATER FACILITY

Signature of person submitting comments:

McSlayton

Date: 1/6/2020

December 28, 2019

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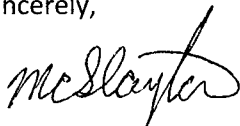
Dear PUC Committee Members:

I want this information to be considered as my formal protest on the rate increase request by Undine, LLC for the sewer rates. I do this for many reasons which are listed below.

1. I got the letter from Undine informing me about the rate increase in the middle of December. The form provided states protest requests must be "before the 91st day after the proposed effective date, the matter will be set for hearing. The proposed rate increase is effective 1/24, 2020. If this is the case, I did not have the required time to send in my information.
2. According to Undine's filings. Mr. Donald J. Clayton, who testified on behalf of Undine LLC, was paid by Undine LLC and is not an unbiased witness. He also stated that Undine's business philosophy is to grow through acquisition with the goal of reaching a size that will enable the Company to provide high quality service at a reasonable cost. As you can tell in the filings, they are merging several acquisitions into a few less names. Mr. Clayton has also stated that it has experienced 6 million in operating costs since it began acquiring systems.
3. I believe Mr. Wallace stated that they wanted a fair return on their investments. A fair return is ok but a 35.43%. I wish I could get this return on my retirement accounts.
4. What portion of this is for the cost of their lawyers, their acquisitions, or their return on their improvements? Since I have been in Sugartree, when they acquired the wastewater system in this area, we started to see problems with the system. Most of the time, when customers called about their grinder pump system, what they got was it was not Undine's fault. Now they decided that they need to do some changes. Did they look at the system when they bought the system here, did they have any foresight as for the future growth of this community.
4. I was not able to see their "balance" sheet and I expect the PUC will when they determine the rate increase, but I protest the 34.43% increases.

Thank you for your time.

Sincerely,



Craig Slayton
The Reserve at Sugartree
Parker County, Texas