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RATEPAYER COMMENTS/REQUESTS TO INTERVENE

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

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**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: MICHAEL Last Name: MEZA

Phone Number: 817-994-5788 Fax Number: -

Email Address: EMIKEJ77@GMAIL.COM

Address, City, State: 108 FOREHAND DR., TRINIDAD, TX. 75163

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:

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 PUCT of the public concerns and identify issues to be explored. Please provide comments below. Attach a separate page, if necessary.

SEE ATTACHED

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 PUCT and the State Office of Administrative Hearings (SOAH).

Signature of Protestor:  Date: 10/9/20

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

October 9, 2020

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Michael J. Meza, Rate Payer Comments:

Members of the Commission,

I have been a rate payer in the Water Board Subdivision for 9 years and regret moving to this address because of exorbitant water and sewer rates. Monarch utility rates have remained near double those of West Cedar Creek Municipal Utility District which serves the majority of homeowners on the west side of Cedar Creek Lake and many of my neighboring subdivisions. A residential homeowner with 4000 gallons usage in a month will pay \$82 to WCCMUD versus \$168 to Monarch in a month.

If it is not possible for Monarch to earn a reasonable profit on their investment and still remain somewhat competitive with other area utilities, it seems only logical they should be caused to negotiate a reasonable sale to the local MUD with a much larger customer base. I am sure WCCMUD would be a willing participant. Regionalization of water supply, treatment and distribution is the wave of the future and the right direction to aim. It is more efficient and cost effective in the long haul.

The PUC is doing a disservice to the tax paying community by allowing Monarch to gouge rate payers just because they creatively justify rates. I understand capital and operating costs are real, and the customer base is insufficient to spread it out to many, but at what point is too *much too much*? *Our community would best be served if Monarch would transfer water rights to WCCMUD whose utilities parallel Monarch's in many areas.*

Please help us to end the monopoly now. Thank you for your time.

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