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Public Utility Commission P.O. Box 13326 Austin, Texas 78711-3326

Via certified mail; return receipt requested

Dear sir or madam:

Re: Docket No. 52797

I am writing in opposition to the proposed sale of Conroe Resort Utilities to Undine Texas, LLC and Undine Texas Environmental, LLC (collectively Undine) and to the proposed increases in water rates by Undine.

I am a resident of Del Lago subdivision, retired, and on a fixed income.

My water bills for the months of May, June and July totaled \$815.71 (I don't have my September bill for August yet). And I was gone for 9 weeks in May-July; therefore, my bills would have been even higher if I had been here the entirety of those 3 months.

I understand that our current rates are:

Water: \$27.42 base rate; \$2.28 per 1,000 gallons Sewer: \$36.91 base rate; \$3.68 per 1,000 gallons

I also understand that the proposed new rates are:

Water: \$40 base rate; \$5 per 1,000 gallons Sewer: \$70 base rate; \$12 per 1,000 gallons,

In other words, the proposed rates are more than double the current rates. I also understand that these rates may be immediate or may be phased in over 3 years. Let's assume these rates are the ones for three (3) years from now. That means that my bills for May-July in year 3 will not be \$815.71, but will be more on the order of \$1,750, or on the order of \$600 per month and likely much more, since I was gone for 9 weeks during the May-July timeframe. The proposed rates would more than double my current water bill.

This is outrageous and gouging.

I therefore strongly oppose the proposed sale and rate increases.

Michael O. Sutton