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Subject: Transfer of Water and Sewer Facilities from Conroe Resort Utilities LLC to Undine Texas LLC.

Reference: 1) Docket 52797

2) Docket 50017

Dear Sirs or Madams,

The almost 280% rate increase for both water and sewer proposed by Undine LLC is both egregious and unjustifiable. I am submitting this letter in protest of the transfer rate increases as noted in the attachment provided by Undine Texas LLC. There does not seem to be any logical reason why both the water and sewer rates should increase by such extreme percentages for the same service. The approved rates for Conroe Resort Utilities LLC should be the same rates for that facility and not some approved rates for any other incomparable facility.

There has been no rational provided for the extreme increases. The facility and customer base is the same, and Hay's utility is continuing to provide the billing and support services. I respectfully ask the Commission to review this transaction and conclude that the rate increases requested by Undine LLC should not be applied to the Conroe Resort Utility facility.

Yours Truly,

Mark Clemans

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## Notice to Current Customers, Neighboring Systems, and Cities

UNDINE TEXAS, LLC. CERTIFICATE OF CONVENIENCE AND NECESSITY (CCN) NO. 13260, NOTICE OF INTENT TO PURCHASE WATER FACILITIES AND TO TRANSFER WATER SERVICE AREA UNDER CCN NO. 11942 FROM CONROE RESORT UTILITIES, LLC AND FOR UNDINE TEXAS ENVIRONMENTAL, LLC, CCN NO. 20816 TO PURCHASE SEWER FACILITIES AND SEWER SERVICE AREA UNDER CCN NO. 20638 FROM CONROE RESORT UTILITIES, LLC IN MONTGOMERY COUNTY, TEXAS

To: Current Customers, Neighboring Systems, and Cities Date Notice Mailed: April 6, 2023

<u>Undine Texas, LLC and Undine Texas Environmental, LLC</u> (Purchaser's Name)

 17681 Telge Road
 Cypress, TX
 77429

 (Address)
 (City), (State)
 (Zip Code

submitted an application with the Public Utility Commission of Texas (Commission) for Undine Texas, LLC to purchase all of the water facilities and to transfer water certificated service area under CCN No. 11942 and for Undine Texas Environmental, LLC to purchase all of the sewer facilities and to transfer sewer certificated service area under CCN No. 20638, in Montgomery County, TX from:

Conroe Resort Utilities, LLC 600 Margaritaville Parkway Montgomery, TX 77356
(Seller's Name) (Address) (City), (State) (Zip Code

The sale is scheduled to take place if approved by the Commission (Texas Water Code § 13.301). The transaction and the transfer of the CCN includes the following subdivision:

Margaritaville Lake Resort, Inverness at Del Lago.

The requested water and sewer area is located approximately 2.7 miles <u>northeast</u> of downtown <u>Montgomery</u>, Texas, and is generally bounded on the north by <u>Walden Road</u>; on the east by <u>Fountainview Drive</u>; on the south by <u>Lake Conroe</u>; and on the west by <u>Walden Road and Lake Conroe</u>.

The requested water area includes <u>294</u> water customer connections and includes approximately <u>282</u> acres of transferred area from Conroe Resort Utilities, LLC (CCN No. 11942) to Undine Texas, LLC (CCN No. 13260).

The application proposes the subtraction of approximately 282 acres from Conroe Resort Utilities, LLC (CCN No. 11942). The application proposes the addition of approximately 282 acres to Undine Texas, LLC (CCN No. 13260).

The requested sewer area includes <u>289</u> sewer customer connections and includes approximately <u>282</u> acres of transferred area from Conroe Resort Utilities, LLC (CCN No. 20638) to Undine Texas Environmental, LLC (CCN No. 20816).

The application proposes the subtraction of approximately 282 acres from Conroe Resort Utilities, LLC (CCN No. 20638). The application proposes the addition of approximately 282 acres to Undine Environmental, LLC (CCN No. 20816). See enclosed map showing the requested water and sewer areas.

The transaction transferring Conroe Resort Utilities, LLC water facilities and water service area to Undine Texas, LLC will change a customer's rates and services to the current approved rates and services of Undine Texas, LLC (in tariff as Rate Year 3, effective August 1, 2022), which are higher than the current approved rate for Conroe Resort Utilities, LLC for a 3/4" meter. A copy of the water tariff for Undine Texas, LLC (Docket No. 50017, new rates on page 9) can be viewed through our website at:

https://www.undinellc.com/wp-content/uploads/Undine-Texas-LLC-Water-Tariff.pdf

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The transaction transferring Conroe Resort Utilities, LLC sewer facilities and sewer service area to Undine Texas Environmental, LLC will change a customer's rates and services to the current approved rates and services of Undine Texas Environmental, LLC (in tariff as Rate Year 3, effective August 1, 2022), which are higher than the current approved rate for Conroe Resort Utilities, LLC for a 3/4" meter. A copy of the sewer tariff for Undine Texas Environmental, LLC (Docket No. 50018, new rates on page 3) can be viewed through our website at:

https://www.undinellc.com/wp-content/uploads/Undine-Texas-Environmental-LLC-Sewer-Tariff.pdf

or call: 713-574-5953 to request a copy of the water and/or sewer tariff.

## BILLING COMPARISON for a 3/4" meter

## Water

Existing	2,000 gallons: \$	29.70	/mo	New Rate	2,000 gallons: \$	812234	/mo
Existing	5,000 gallons: \$	236542	/mo	New Rate	5,000 gallons: \$	88.45 #5.44	/mo
Existing	10,000 gallons: \$	47.94	/mo	New Rate	10,000 gallons: \$	104.18	/mo
Sewer							
Existing	2,000 gallons: \$	44-277/3	/mo	New Rate	2,000 gallons: \$	110.00	/mo
Existing	5,000 gallons: \$	\$5531C2	/mo	New Rate	5,000 gallons: \$	etiooog a	/mo
Existing	10,000 gallons: \$	173.74	/mo	New Rate	10,000 gallons: \$	110000	/mo

Persons who wish to intervene in the proceeding or comment upon action sought should contact the Public Utility Commission, P.O. Box 13326, Austin, Texas 78711-3326, or call the Public Utility Commission at (512) 936-7120 or (888) 782-8477. Hearing- and speech-impaired individuals with text telephones (TTY) may contact the commission at (512) 936-7136. The deadline for intervention in the proceeding is (30 days from the mailing or publication of notice, whichever occurs later, unless otherwise provided by the presiding officer). You must send a letter requesting intervention to the commission which is received by that date. The letter must include the person's name, address, email address and fax number if applicable.

If a valid public hearing is requested, the Commission will forward the application to the State Office of Administrative Hearings (SOAH) for a hearing. If no settlement is reached and an evidentiary hearing is held, SOAH will submit a recommendation to the Commission for final decision. An evidentiary hearing is a legal proceeding similar to a civil trial in state district court.

Si desea información en español, puede llamar al 1-888-782-8477.

<u>Carey Thomas</u> Utility Representative

<u>Undine Texas, LLC and Undine Texas Environmental, LLC</u> Utility Name

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