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Mauriceville Municipal Utility District Board Resolution Unanimously Approved July 19, 2022

To: The Honorable Members of the Public Utility Commission of Texas

The Mauriceville Municipal Utility District hereby requests that the Public Utility Commission of Texas deny Entergy of Texas, July 1, 2022, rate increase request to increase their rates by 9.48% for the following reasons:

- First, we believe that this rate increase request was premature. Commodity prices have come down significantly since this request was made.
- Second, we believe that it is reasonable to allow the Federal Reserve to be given the time necessary to reduce inflation before any rate increase should be granted.
- Third, this 9.48% increase will have the effect of perpetuating the inflation cycle by, in fact, causing another round of inflation in our region because of this substantial cost increase for everyone.
- Fourth, the region of Southeast Texas has suffered greatly from an abnormal number of natural disasters. Orange County being designated as having the most natural disasters of any county in our country. This rate increase will increase the suffering of many of our communities that continue to suffer from hurricanes and floods. As well as what all of us endured because of the Covid pandemic. An 9.48% increase of electric rates will prolong our recovery and increase the misery of our communities.
- Fifth, our region has grown significantly since Entergy acquired our region from Gulf States Utilities. Entergy of Texas is and will continue to be extremely profitable. We believe, because of their scale, that they should first focus on cost savings before adding this burden to our community,
- Sixth, Entergy is a monopoly, our individual customers have no ability to defend themselves from this excessive rate increase. They would simply have to pay it or not have electricity. We pray that the Public Utility Commission of Texas will defend these individual customers.
- Seventh, Entergy powers our region from a natural gas-powered generating plant that is fueled from natural gas wells. These wells are controlled by Entergy, so they have not suffered the inflationary, recent increases, for natural gas.
- Eighth, this rate increase will slow economic activity, that would in the long run, fall on the individual customer.

We the members of the Board of Directors of Mauriceville Municipal Utility District hereby request that Entergy Corporation's 7/1/2022 rate increase request be denied.