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RE: PUC Docket No. 54565

To whom it may concern:

In February 2022, CSWR-TEXAS acquired Leon Springs Utility – the company that was providing sewer services for Leon Springs and the Dominion subdivision in Bexar County, Texas. Prior to the purchase my average monthly sewer bill for 2021 was anywhere between \$34.53 to \$39.99. After the purchase my monthly sewer bill for a portion 2022 (not including Summer months) was approximately \$42.75 to \$50.55. CSWR-TEXAS is now proposing to more than triple my monthly rate from \$21.56 per 5,000 gallons of water consumed to \$66.65. My water usage is anywhere between 14,000 to 20,000 gallons monthly, depending on the time of the year. This would mean that I will be paying approximately \$180.00 to \$266.00 just for sewer services. This is outrageous! Under this proposal my sewer bill alone would be higher than my electrical bill during the Summer months! I consider this proposed rate increase a matter of extortion. Was the Public Utility Commission of Texas notified of this shenanigan back in 2021 when CSWR-TEXAS was seeking approval of the purchase from Leon Springs Utility? Perhaps CSWR-TEXAS should take out a loan for their improvements and recover their costs over a period of 20 years.

My hope and prayer is that the Public Utility Commission of Texas has the decency and common sense to reject this proposed rate hike or any other that tries to extort unrealistic rates from the residents CSWR-TEXAS is supposed to be serving. As for now, I'm filing this protest as a commenter because I don't have the time or health to be an intervenor.

Sincerely,

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