



Control Number: 54565



Item Number: 1269

RATEPAYER COMMENTS/REQUESTS TO INTERVENE

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No hearing will be held and the rates will be effective as proposed unless protests are received from at least 10% of ratepayers or from any affected municipality, or the Commission Staff requests a hearing.

CUSTOMER INFORMATION (please provide all of the requested information)

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Address, City, State: 2376 Alto Rd Waxahatchie, Tx 75162

Location where service is received: _____
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Please select the applicable :

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.

☒ **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 Ratepayer: [Signature] Date: 2/18/2023

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Dear Public Utility Commission of Texas,

I am writing to express my concern about the proposed water rate increases by CSWR-Texas (Docket number 54565) and the short test year in question for our community. I believe that the test year has not been long enough to evaluate the need for a water rate increase and its impact on the community. As a resident and customer of CSWR-Texas, I am concerned about the financial impact of the proposed rate increase on our community. While I understand the need for funding to maintain and improve the water system, I believe that any rate increases should be based on a thorough and accurate evaluation of the water utility's expenses and revenues.

Given the short test year, it is unclear whether the proposed rate increases are based on a reliable and comprehensive evaluation of the water utility's expenses and revenues.

I am also particularly concerned about the equity issue of paying for improvements to other communities that we won't benefit from. It is unfair that we, as consumers, would have to pay for these improvements while receiving no direct benefit from them.

It is my understanding that the proposed rate increases are intended to fund infrastructure improvements and upgrades to the water system. While I appreciate the need for these improvements, I believe that the cost should be borne by those who will directly benefit from them. It is not equitable to ask our community to pay for upgrades that will only benefit other communities.

I urge the PUC to consider this equity issue when evaluating the proposed rate increases.

And in our particular situation being that the acquisition of Carroll water was May of 2022, I further urge the PUC to consider extending the test year for our Community, to ensure that any rate increases are based on a more accurate and comprehensive evaluation of the water utility's financial situation.

Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Sincerely,

James and Melissa Allred

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