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RATEPAYER COMMENTS/REQUESTS TO INTERVENE

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Public Utility Commission of Texas  
1701 North Congress Avenue  
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Austin, Texas 78711-3326

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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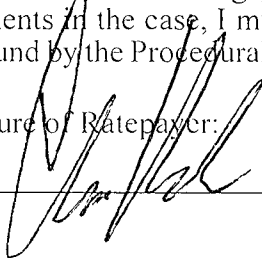
Please select the applicable :

**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.

See attached page

☐ **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: 

Date: 2-7-23

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512-936-7136

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PUCT representative,

I am formally protesting the motion found on PUC Docket No: 54565 by CSWR –

Texas Utility Operating Company to increase water rates within the Settler's Estates/Meadows subdivision in Sealy, TX. Their proposal includes a base rate increase of 320% and a per 1000 gallon usage increase of 270%. While incremental increases over time are understandable, a huge increase such as this is not. The facts and reasoning behind these increases have not been satisfactorily explained to the customers of the water system.

Personally knowing the prior owner of the system, Ranch Country of Texas Water Systems, they were able to safely and consistently operate and maintain the system for over 15 years without the necessity for the "capital improvements" CSWR claims to have undertaken. Additionally, they fail to mention how much of this large increase goes to their bottom line as a profit increase. I would urge the commission to fully and thoroughly investigate the CSWR rate increase and request information from them in an effort to substantiate their claim for such a drastic rate increase. The intent of community water systems, municipal utility districts, etc are not to serve as "cash cow" profit centers. Water is something that Texans must maintain access to at a reasonable, justifiable cost. The proposed increases are not reasonable, nor have they been satisfactorily justified to the public. Thank you in advance for your consideration.

Thanks,

  
Chris Blanks

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