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Subject: Objections to Applicant's Direct Testimony

TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN

In accordance with the SOAH Order No.3, I am submitting the Objections to Applicant's Direct Testimony. As an Intervenor I object to the Direct Testimony of Brian D. Bahr. Item of objection:

VI. INITIAL RATES

Q. WHAT ARE THE INITIAL RATES TEXAS WATER UTILITIES IS REQUESTING TO CHARGE THE CUSTOMERS TO BE ACQUIRED FROM SOUTHERN HORIZONS?

My objection is what "Just and Reasonable" rate means and is it really in the public interest. Can TWU an IOU change the rates and not offer such as (PUCT Sale, Transfer, and Merger page 7, 15. A.B.). Even on Docket No. 50944 TWU offered that rates be phased in using a multi-year approach to mitigate rate shock. Doubling or more everyone's bill is not in the public interest

Q. HOW MUCH ADDITIONAL REVENUE WILL TEXAS WTER UTILITIES RECEIVE ANNUALLY IF THE REQUESTED INITIAL RATES ARE APPROVED?

My objection is as to how much revenue is too much? SHDI president Mr. Sullivan's testimony verifies that SHDI is fully functioning and did receive revenue. What makes TWU so special to render almost a half of a million in revenue and for what.

As stated above, the consumers in our subdivisions are not very affluent and are struggling to make ends meet. Large families and retirees will suffer the most. Lack of evidence and no justification for this increase, on our service rate, and the process of the application of the sale is of great concern. We will pay for their profits. Even when a Class A utility applies for a tariff rate increase, the process is hard to fight. Any assistance to ensure that every rate made, demanded, or received is just and reasonable is welcome.

Thanks

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