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PETITION BY RATEPAYERS	§	PUBLIC UTILITY COMMISSION
APPEALING THE WATER AND	§	
WASTEWATER RATES	§	OF TEXAS
ESTABLISHED BY THE CITY OF	§	
ROCKPORT	§	

RESPONSE TO CITY OF ROCKPORT'S RENEWED MOTION TO DISMISS

On February 15, 2024, the City of Rockport renewed its motion to dismiss, stating it has made the needed refunds to out-of-city ratepayers and disputing the Commission's jurisdiction to oversee the refund process.

The Petitioners support the City's Motion to Dismiss.

Though we are unable to verify refunds have been provided to all affected customers for the appropriate amounts, we do believe the City completed the refunds and will correct any errors made if notified by a customer. I reviewed several accounts and noted the refunds were either made in full or within pennies of what I believed to be a correct amount. The fact I can't verify to 100% is because of the convoluted way the City applied the refunds, which was to apply a series of "bill void," "bill reverse" and "bill adjustment" transactions to the account without providing corrected bills either digitally or by mail. Despite the lack of visibility in their approach, it is clear the City has made the refunds.

Date: February 16, 2024

Respectfully submitted,

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