



Control Number: 57386



Item Number: 270

PUC DOCKET NO. 57386

RATEPAYER COMMENTS/REQUESTS TO INTERVENE

If you wish to PROTEST the proposed rate change, you must complete this form and file it electronically using the PUC Interchange Filer (<http://www.puc.texas.gov/industry/filings/E-FilingInstructions.pdf>) or mail the original to:

Filing Clerk
Public Utility Commission of Texas
1701 North Congress Avenue
P.O. Box 13326
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)

First Name: Benjamin Last Name: Kepler

Phone Number: 504-236-5974 Fax Number: _____

Email Address: Benkepler@hotmail.com

Address, City, State: 1779 Settlers Court Drive, Sealy, Texas 77474

Location where service is received: _____
(if different from the mailing address)

Please fill out the following:

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: _____

Benjamin L. Kepler

Date: 1-6-2025

Si desea informacion en Espanol, puede llamar al
1-888-782-8477

Hearing- and speech-impaired individuals with text telephones may contact the PUCT's Customer Assistance Hotline
at
512-936-7136

NOTICE OF PROPOSED RATE CHANGE – WATER

CURRENT RATES					PROPOSED RATES				
Minimum Monthly Charge includes 0 gallons					Minimum Monthly Charge includes 0 gallons				
Meter Size: RESIDENTIAL					Meter Size: RESIDENTIAL				
5/8" \$ 49.89					5/8" \$ 71.25				
3/4" \$ 49.89					3/4" \$ 71.25				
1" \$ 109.99					1" \$ 159.57				
1 1/2" \$ 219.99					1 1/2" \$ 319.14				
2" \$ 351.99					2" \$ 510.62				
3" \$ 351.99					3" \$ 957.42				
Other: Unmetered \$ \$81.09					Other: Unmetered, 6" \$ 123.08; 3,191.40 Respectively				
GALLONAGE CHARGE:					GALLONAGE CHARGE:				
TIER	VOLUME			CHARGE per 1000 gals.	TIER	VOLUME			CHARGE per 1000 gals.
Tier 1	0	to	All gals.	\$ 5.2 /1000 gals.	Tier 1	0	to	All gals.	\$ 8.64 /1000 gals.
Tier 2		to	gals.	\$ /1000 gals.	Tier 2		to	gals.	\$ /1000 gals.
Tier 3		to	gals.	\$ /1000 gals.	Tier 3		to	gals.	\$ /1000 gals.
Tier 4		to	gals.	\$ /1000 gals.	Tier 4		to	gals.	\$ /1000 gals.
Tier 5		to	gals.	\$ /1000 gals.	Tier 5		to	gals.	\$ /1000 gals.
MISCELLANEOUS FEES					MISCELLANEOUS FEES				
Tap Fee \$ Actual Cost					Tap Fee \$ Actual Cost				
Reconnect Fee: Non-payment \$ \$25.00					Reconnect Fee: Non-payment (Maximum - \$25.00) \$ 25				
Customer's Request \$ \$25.00					Customer's Request \$ 25				
Transfer Fee \$ \$10.00					Transfer Fee \$ 10				
Late Charge \$ 10%					Late Charge (Indicate either \$5.00 or 10%) \$ 10%				
Returned Check Charge \$ \$25.00					Returned Check Charge \$ 25				
Deposit \$ \$50.00					Deposit (Maximum \$50.00) \$ 50				
Meter Test Fee \$ \$25.00					Meter Test Fee \$ 25 (Maximum - \$25.00)				

Regulatory Assessment of 1% is added to the minimum monthly charge and gallonage charges.
Additional fees and meter sizes may be shown on a separate page.

If applicable, list any bill payment assistance programs to low income ratepayers.



CSWR-TEXAS
Utility Operating Company
A CSWR Managed Utility

December 30, 2024

Dear CSWR-Texas Customer,

On December 30, CSWR-Texas Utility Operating Company, LLC ("CSWR-Texas" or the "Company") filed a request with the Public Utility Commission of Texas ("PUCT") and other regulators to increase water and wastewater rates for its Texas customers.

Since 2019, the Company has invested approximately \$50 million in Texas water and wastewater systems. These investments are necessary to ensure that customers served by these systems are now receiving safe and reliable water and wastewater service. These investments have included rectifying issues related to all aspects of its facilities, including its wells, tanks (hydropneumatic tanks, ground storage tanks, and elevated storage tanks), piping, booster pumps, treatment systems, power and control systems, and distribution systems in addition to other functional issues. To date, of the 103 facilities owned by the Company, improvement projects have already been completed at 21 systems in Texas, and have begun implementing improvement projects at 82 additional facilities. As a result, CSWR-Texas is seeking a revenue requirement for water operations of approximately \$13.4 million, which represents an increase of approximately \$5.6 million over revenues collected under current rates. In addition, CSWR-Texas is asking the PUCT to approve a total annual revenue requirement for wastewater operations of approximately \$3.8 million, which represents an annual increase of approximately \$1.3 million over revenues collected under current rates.

CSWR-Texas's rates are subject to the approval of the PUCT and certain municipalities. The Company has requested that rates take effect for all customers on February 3, 2025, which is 35 days after the filing of its application and issuance of this notice to customers. However, **no change in rates will take effect until such change is approved by the applicable regulatory authority.** The attached "Customer Notice" provides further information about this filing, including a description of the change in rates, instructions on how to review the entire application and how to protest the proposed rate change or formally intervene in this proceeding.

While we understand there is never a good time to raise rates, this increase is necessary to allow us to continue to meet our shared goals of providing outstanding wastewater service and safe and reliable drinking water delivered to your taps. It also ensures safe working conditions for our staff and continued prudent business practices.

We welcome any feedback from our customers, whether it is about the proposed rates or about our services. You can contact us at 1-866-301-7725 from 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., Monday through Friday, or email us at support@cswrtextasuoc.com

Respectfully,
CSWR-Texas Management

PUC DOCKET NO. 57386*

**NOTICE OF PROPOSED RATE CHANGE
PURSUANT TO
TEXAS WATER CODE § 13.187**

CSWR-Texas Utility Operating Company**13290 (Water) & 21120 (Sewer)**

Company Name

CCN Number(s)

has filed a rate change application with the Public Utility Commission of Texas (Commission or PUCT). The application may be reviewed online at interchange.puc.texas.gov. You may also inspect a copy of the rate change application at your utility's office at the address below or at the Commission's office (1701 N. Congress Ave, Austin, TX 78701). The proposed rates will apply to service received after the effective date provided below, unless modified or suspended by the Commission. If the Commission receives a sufficient number of protests, separately or in a combined protest letter, from at least 1,269 ratepayers (10 percent of the utility's customers over whose rates the Commission has original jurisdiction) or from any affected municipality before the 91st day after the proposed effective date, the matter will be set for hearing. **See Protest Form on the next page for instructions on how to protest.**

EFFECTIVE DATE OF PROPOSED INCREASE: 2/3/2025

(must be at least 35 days after notice is provided to customers and 35 days after application is filed)

(Proposed rates requested by the utility are not final. The Commission may modify the rates and order a refund or credit against future bills all sums collected during the pendency of the rate proceeding in excess of the rate finally ordered plus interest.)

Reason(s) for Proposed Rate Change:

To recover revenues sufficient to cover the cost to provide safe and reliable service through maintenance and repairs

BILLING COMPARISON**Water**

Existing	5,000 gallons: \$	<u>75.89</u>	/mo	Proposed	5,000 gallons: \$	<u>114.44</u>	/mo
Existing	10,000 gallons: \$	<u>101.89</u>	/mo	Proposed	10,000 gallons: \$	<u>157.63</u>	/mo

Water – Pass Through Charges

Existing	5,000 gallons: \$	<u> </u>	/mo	Proposed	5,000 gallons: \$	<u> </u>	/mo
Existing	10,000 gallons: \$	<u> </u>	/mo	Proposed	10,000 gallons: \$	<u> </u>	/mo

Sewer

Existing	5,000 gallons: \$	<u>N/A</u>	/mo	Proposed	5,000 gallons: \$	<u>N/A</u>	/mo
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CSWRTX-Settlers Meadows

Subdivision(s) or System(s) Affected by Rate Change

1630 Des Peres Road Suite 140	Des Peres	Missouri	63131
Company Address	City	State	Zip

1-866-301-7725

Company Phone Number

\$3,086,271.00	N/A	N/A
Water Annual Revenue Increase	Water Pass-Through Annual Revenue Increase	Sewer Annual Revenue Increase

12/30/2024	12/1/2023
Date Current Rate Change Notice Delivered	Date of Last Rate Change

*Prior to providing notice, the utility shall file a request for the assignment of a docket number for the application.
Updated: September 29, 2021