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PUCT DOCKET NO. 58124

Ratepayer Comments/Requests To Intervene

Use this form to speak out if you disagree with the filing or want to get involved in the case.

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. ERIC Last Name: ESICELUND Email Address: DVNTUNAT @ AVSTIN . R.P. COM Address, City, State: 184 AUGUSTA DRIVE, WIMERLEY TX 78676-2511 Location where service is received: AS ABOVE. (if different from 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 -_ Date: _

Customer Assistance Hotline at 512-936-7136 by first dialing 1-800-735-2989 or 7-1-1

Information may also be obtained by visiting www.pue.texas.gov.

Si desea información en Espanol, puede llamar al 1-888-782-8477. Further assistance may be obtained by calling the PUCT at (512) 936-7120 or (888) 782-8477. Hearing- and speech-impaired individuals with text telephones (TTY) may contact the PUCT's

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Notice of Proposed Rate Change

Pursuant to Texas Water Code § 13.187

Aqua Texas

13201, 13203, 13254, 21059, 21065, 21116

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 7,897 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:

July 25, 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:

The proposed rate change is being requested in order to recover capital investments Aqua Texas has made to maintain and improve its systems since the last rate case(s) and to reflect inflationary increases to Aqua Texas' operating costs.

BILLING COMPARISON

Water

Existing	5,000 gallons: S	See	/mo	Proposed	5,000 gallons: \$	Sec	/mo
Existing	10,000 gallons: \$	Attached	/mo	Proposed	10,000 gallons: S	Attached	/mo

Water - Pass Through Charges

Existing	5,000 gallons: S	See	/mo	Proposed	5,000 gallons: \$	See	/mo
Existing	10,000 gallons: \$	Attached	/mo	Proposed	10,000 gallons: \$	Attached	/mo
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<u>Sewer</u>

5,000 gallous: S See Attached /mo 5,000 gallons: \$ See Attached /mo Existing Proposed

Please see attached list of subdivisions and systems affected

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

1106 Clayton Lane	Austin	Texas	78723
Company Address	City	State	Zip

(877) 987-2782 Company Phone Number

\$17,784,500 \$0.00 \$11,364,116

Water Annual Revenue Increase Water Pass-Through Annual Revenue Increase Sewer Annual Revenue Increase

3/1/2024 (Docket Nos. 56298, 56299, 56300) June 19, 2025

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

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Objection to Aqua Texas Proposed New Rates PUCT Docket 58124

- The change in the Water Base Facility Charge is somewhat deceiving. The 22% decrease in the Base Rate does nothing for customers as the increase in useage in Gallon Charges is almost doubled.
- The 92.9% increase in useage charges outweighs the reduction in the water base facility charge. Overall change is minimal. For a household that uses 1600 gallons per month, the difference between the existing rate and the proposed rate would be a \$6.71 savings.
- The FTCC Water Credit Rider is eliminated in the proposed rate increase submitted by Aqua and is going to capture this credit into the monthly minimum and gallonage rates.
 This creates a lack of transparency as to where the credit is assigned to each water system.
- Sewer Base Rate Facility Charge would increase by 35% from \$71.50 to \$96.93 for unmetered systems. As all the sewer systems in Woodcreek are unmetered systems, this scenario applies to typical homeowners.
- The FTCC Sewer Credit Rider is eliminated in the proposed rate increase submitted by Aqua and is going to capture this credit into the monthly minimum and gallonage rates.
 This creates a lack of transparency as to where the credit is assigned to each water system.
- The total increase that customers would see with a 1600-gallon monthly useage is an increase of \$27.00, rising from \$116.00 to \$143.38, all of which is attributable to the increase in sewer related charges.
- Regulatory assessment and Regional Pass-through fees remain the same with no changes being noted.
- Aqua is asking that the Systems Improvement Charges for all systems be included in the
 base rate. Doing so would create a lack of transparency to customers, leading them to
 think that they were paying for their own system improvements rather than paying for
 improvement in other systems that have been poorly maintained.