



Control Number: 58124



Item Number: 1283

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: DANIEL Last Name: JUNK

Phone Number: 713-376-4188 Fax Number: _____

Email Address: danjunk@SBCGLOBAL.NET

Address, City, State: 538 YORKSCROSSING, DRIFTWOOD, TX 78619

Location where service is received: _____
(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.

ATTACHED

☐ 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: Daniel Junk Date: June 27, 2025

Si desea información en Español, 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

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.puc.texas.gov

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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**

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|----------|--------------------|----------|-----|----------|--------------------|----------|-----|
| Existing | 5,000 gallons: \$ | See | /mo | Proposed | 5,000 gallons: \$ | See | /mo |
| Existing | 10,000 gallons: \$ | Attached | /mo | Proposed | 10,000 gallons: \$ | Attached | /mo |

Water – Pass Through Charges

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|----------|--------------------|----------|-----|----------|--------------------|----------|-----|
| Existing | 5,000 gallons: \$ | See | /mo | Proposed | 5,000 gallons: \$ | See | /mo |
| Existing | 10,000 gallons: \$ | Attached | /mo | Proposed | 10,000 gallons: \$ | Attached | /mo |

Sewer

| | | | | | | | |
|----------|-------------------|--------------|-----|----------|-------------------|--------------|-----|
| Existing | 5,000 gallons: \$ | See Attached | /mo | Proposed | 5,000 gallons: \$ | See Attached | /mo |
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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

Water Annual Revenue Increase

\$0.00

Water Pass-Through Annual Revenue Increase

\$11,364,116

Sewer Annual Revenue Increase

June 19, 2025

Date Current Rate Change Notice Delivered

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

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

Public Utility Commission of Texas
1701 North Congress Avenue
P.O. Box 13326
Austin, Texas 78711-3326

June 27, 2025

Daniel Junk
538 Yorks Crossing
Driftwood, Texas 78619

PUC Commissioners,

I wish to protest the rate increase filed by AQUA, PUCT Docket No. 58124.

I am an oil and gas pipeline professional with over 40 years' experience in pipeline design and engineering, pipeline construction management, pipeline operations, and project supervision. I have been a project director for large interstate and intrastate pipeline design, construction projects, and pipeline operations for companies such as BP America, Energy Transfer, Shell, Air Products, Sunoco Logistics, and Midwest Energy. I have completed oil and gas pipeline projects in Texas, Louisiana, Florida, Kansas, Nebraska, Iowa, Illinois, Wisconsin, Minnesota, Michigan, North Dakota and South Dakota. I have also worked internationally in the countries of Brazil, Colombia, Bolivia, Russia, Mexico, and China. Finally, I have worked for companies such as Wood Group, Mustang Engineering, Enron, Enron Gas Pipeline Operating Company, and Northern Natural Gas Company during my career. I have operated pipelines in Kansas, Iowa, Minnesota, and Illinois. I managed two underground gas storage facilities, one being a depleted gas field and the other, an aquifer storage facility.

I graduated from Kansas State University with a degree in Electronics Engineering Technology. I have worked in the oil and gas industry all my life. I believe there are numerous similarities in the design, construction and operations of oil and gas pipelines with water pipeline systems.

I have reviewed the 131-page document provided me by AQUA and am appalled. Even as a graduate engineer, I find the document convoluted, distracting, and very difficult to navigate. But nowhere within the document do I find justification for such a staggering rate increase. It appears AQUA has purposely caused to confuse its customers with an unnecessary volume of non-apropos information. AQUA and the PUCT would have been better served if this document had focused on the individual recipients' specific water system, not every AQUA water system in the state of Texas. I understand this rate increase filing is for all the AQUA systems but as this document is presented, the majority of customers will toss this 131-page document aside because they are confused and will NOT review and submit intervention. Perhaps this is the AQUA strategy. If so, they have achieved their goal.

Again, I urge the PUCT to reject this filing on the grounds that AQUA has not provided its customers and the PUCT with justification for such an enormous rate increase.

Thank you

Daniel Junk