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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: Michael Last Name: Hawk

Phone Number: 949-534-2552 Fax Number: _____

Email Address: mrhawkjr@gmail.com

Address, City, State: 125 Gabbro Gdns, Maxwell, TX 78656

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.

See separate page.

☐ 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: Michael Hawk Date: 6/23/25

Si desea informacion 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

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.

RATEPAYER COMMENTS

Aqua increasing our monthly non-metered sewer rate from \$87.97 to \$145.40 would represent a drastic 65% price increase overnight, about 27 times higher than the current US annual inflation rate of 2.4%. At the current sewer rate of \$87.97, residents in the Sunset Oaks community in Maxwell, TX already pay more than double the state average for sewer, which is \$36.83 based on the usage of 5,000 gallons in a 2024 survey. Or ~239% more than the state average.

Subjecting residents to a 65% rate increase for sewer alone (or ~395% more than the 2024 state average) would certainly hurt household budgets and the local economy due to our reduced discretionary incomes. That extra sewer cost of \$57.43/month (times hundreds or thousands of households) could go toward supporting local businesses and tourism, which help maintain a healthy economy for Texans, instead of funneling that money out of the state to a multibillion-dollar corporation based in Pennsylvania.

Essential Utilities, the parent company of Aqua, consistently generates an annual profit margin around 25-30%, which is comparable to innovative tech giants like Apple and Microsoft. Aqua's parent company would easily remain highly profitable if our sewer rate stays at the already-high \$87.97, or ~239% more than the 2024 state average.

Thank you for your time and consideration in this very important issue affecting regular Texans.