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Public Utility Commission of Texas
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Dear Commissioners:

I am writing to formally register my opposition to the proposed Aqua Texas rate increase for the Lakes of Rosehill community in Cypress, Texas.

The notice we received outlined a drastic change from the current flat rate of \$3.70 per 1,000 gallons to a steeply tiered rate structure as follows:

- Tier 1 (1–5,000 gallons): **\$5.498 per 1,000 gallons**
- Tier 2 (5,001–10,000 gallons): **\$8.247 per 1,000 gallons**
- Tier 3 (10,001–20,000 gallons): **\$13.745 per 1,000 gallons**
- Tier 4 (over 20,000 gallons): **\$15.120 per 1,000 gallons**

Applying these rates to my household's typical monthly usage of approximately 25,000 gallons would result in a bill exceeding **\$489**, including pass-through fees of \$4.2318. This represents an increase of over **99%** — an extraordinary and unjustifiable burden.

The packet we received provided no clear or compelling justification for an increase of this magnitude. Many homes in our neighborhood sit on half-acre to one-acre lots, with irrigation systems necessary to maintain significant landscaping investments. My own system is automated to water only as needed, conserving resources and aligning with prior drought-related restrictions implemented by Aqua Texas.

Furthermore, our neighborhood homes range from approximately 3,000 to 4,700 square feet, with average families of four whose basic water needs already exceed the lower tiers of the proposed structure. Such excessive rates would not only place an undue financial strain on current residents but also negatively impact property values by making homes less attractive to potential buyers concerned about exorbitant water costs.

This proposed rate increase is unreasonable, disproportionate, and punitive to responsible water users. I respectfully urge the Commission to reject the proposed rate structure and require Aqua Texas to submit a more balanced and equitable plan.

Thank you for your time and consideration of this important matter.

Sincerely,

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