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RATE Change Protest: PUCT Docket NO. 58124

Ancel D. Bell, 207 Arabian Dr., The Woodlands, TX 77382  
(Residential Customer)

**I'm starting with the Sewer Rate Changes:**

Current Sewer Base Facility Charge: \$63.80 / month

Current Sewer Gallonage Charge is ZERO (No Charge)

Proposed Sewer Base Facility Charge: \$96.93 / month (non-metered)

Proposed Sewer Base Facility Charge: \$65.31/ month (metered) + \$5.27 per 1,000 gallons

5,000 gallons = \$18.50 (Rate \$0.0037/gal Existing)

5,000 gallons = \$26.35 (Rate \$0.00527/gal Proposed)

Current System Improvement Charge (SIC): \$9.20 / month

Proposed System Improvement Charge (SIC): \$0.00 / month

Current Composite Cost: Base + SIC = \$63.80 + \$9.20 = \$73.00

Proposed Composite Cost: Base + SIC = \$96.93 + \$0.00 = \$96.93 :  $\$96.93 / \$73.00 = (32.7\%)$

TO LARGE AN INCREASE – I'm protesting any increase in Sewer Rate Charges: If there are any rate changes it should be linked to wage increases of Aqua Technicians ONLY. Our system has not required any upgrades or unforeseen maintenance work! It is a VERY new system! It is More transparent for Aqua to keep the SIC as a separate cost item instead of hidden in the Base Rate. There should be none or a very very small SIC component in the overall sewer rate charge.

**Water Rate Changes:**

Current Water Base Minimum charge: \$31.00 / month

Proposed Water Base Minimum charge: \$34.90 / month (11.2%) **Increase To Large!**

Current Water Base Volumetric charge: \$3.70 per 1,000 gallons of water

Proposed Water Base Volumetric charge: \$5.498 per 1,000 gallons of water **(48.59%) TO LARGE AN INCREASE – I'm protesting the significant proposed rate increase in water volume charges. (This proposed rate increase is only for the first 5,000 gallons used).**

The 2<sup>nd</sup> Tier proposed water volumetric charge increase is : \$8.247 per 1000 gallons of water ( 222.8% Increase from current volumetric charge). **WOW! Excessive Increase – Not Justified. I'm protesting the extreme increase, not the Tier Pricing System - Tier 2 Pricing should be approximately 10 to 15% greater than Tier 1 Pricing. It is More transparent for Aqua to keep the SIC as a separate cost item instead of hidden in the Base Rate or Volumetric Charges. There should be none or a very very small SIC component in the overall water rate charge. Once again, ours is a very new water system/infrastructure with very little maintenance requirements.**

- Volumetric increases may not be justified since the Water Pass Through Charge is not changing !!!
- I would like Aqua to keep the FTCCR Water Credit Rider and FTCCR Sewer Credit Rider in their Billing, Not Embedded in their RATE Charges. This would be more Transparent for all of the users!!!