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Dear Sir/Madam:

I am writing in regards to Aqua Texas rate proposal for Lakes of Rosehill Subdivision, Cypress, Texas. In the new proposed rate, the water rate will increase from a flat rate of \$3.70 per 1,000 gallon to a tier system: Tier 1, 1 – 5000 gals \$5.498; Tier 2, 5000 – 10,000 gals \$8.247; Tier 3, 10,000- 20,000 gals. \$13.745; Tier 4, over 20,000 gals \$15.120. The monthly charge will also increase from \$31 to \$34.90. In addition to the charges for water usage, there is also Regional Pass-Thru charge and other fees charged by various entities. I am opposed to the proposed rate increase and tier pricing due to unwarranted exorbitant rate increase and monthly charges being disproportionate to Consumer Price Index (CPI) for the Houston Metro area published by the U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics.

Percentage of proposed increase from previous rate

Tier 1, +48.5%
Tier 2, +123%
Tier 3, +271 %
Tier4, +308 %

Monthly Charge, 12.5% increase

Consumer Price Index for Houston Metro area

2023- +6.4%
2024- +4.9%
2025- +2.6% (thru April)

The proposed rate increase is excessive and extortionate since a consumer is unable to shop for another service provider and is stuck with the sole service provider for the area. Also the proposed tiered rate increases are inconsistent with the CPI. The CPI for the last 3 years has been in the single digit and the proposed rate increases are in the double and triple digits. I can't foresee any reasons to justify the proposed 308% increase for Tier 4 pricing. Should the proposed rate increase take effect, the added expense would cause undue financial burden on me. I am a retiree and on a fixed income and have never anticipated and expected a double, triple digit increase on my water bill. For the above reasons I am opposed to the proposed rate increase.

Sincerely,

John Chiue/jjc