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Deborah.Easterling

From: Deborah.Easterling
Sent: Friday, September 14, 2012 2:28 PM
To: 'Meyer, Wayne'
Subject: RE: Protest_Letter

Dear Wayne and Michelle Meyer,

This is to acknowledge receipt of your email to the Public Service Commission. I am forwarding your email and Letter of Protest to our Clerk's Office for processing. Your email and Letter of Protest will become a part of Docket No. 2012-177-WS and will be posted on our website under this docket.

Please let me know if you should require any additional information.

Sincerely,

Deborah Easterling
Administrative Assistant

From: Meyer, Wayne [mailto:wayne.meyer@ally.com]
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Letter of Protest
in Docket 2012 - 177 - WS

Date: * September 14, 2012

Protestant Information:

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1. What is your connection or interest in this case? * For example, are you a customer of the Company that is the subject of this pending proceeding? (This section must be completed. Attach additional information if necessary.)

Customer of Utilities Inc.

2. Please give a concise statement of your protest. * (This section must be completed. Attach additional information if necessary.)

Utilities Inc. states that it needs increase rate structure to cover improvements that were made over the last three years. Since they were previously granted an increase to improve infrastructure in 2010, in the amount of 18%, this should have provided adequate funding to recoup their cost for repairs. The company has had other rate increases in the past that would have provided necessary revenues to repair and maintain the system.
The company neglected the system in the past and was forced to make capital improvements to meet regulatory requirements; the company's captive customers should not bear the burden of their poor planning. The current proposed rate increases are exorbitant and will be a great burden on those on fixed incomes. The City of Tega Cay demographics reflect a high percentage of retirees that are on fixed incomes and the proposed increase in an already down economy will be extremely burdensome, especially for those with very limited incomes. Also, the PSC must recognize that York County is the hardest hit County in SC due to the economic downturn.
The company could have circumvented the need for the extreme and excessive proposed rate hike had regular and routine maintenance been performed and long range capital improvements had been programmed properly. The bottom line is the proposed rate hike is not reasonable and will create a huge burden for the residents of Tega Cay. We hope that the Commissioners will reject the proposed increase and understand th

3. Do you wish to make an appearance at a hearing in this proceeding , if scheduled, and offer sworn testimony? *

No