

Easterling, Deborah

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From: Easterling, Deborah
Sent: Monday, November 21, 2016 2:40 PM
To: 'Keith Bodiford'
Subject: RE: Docket 2016-29-WS Letter of Protest

Dear Keith and Liz Bodiford:

This is to acknowledge receipt of your Letter of Protest/Comments to the Public Service Commission of South Carolina. Your Letter of Protest/Comments has been placed in the Protest File of the Docket listed below and on the Commission's Website at www.psc.sc.gov.

Docket No. 2016-29-WS - Application of Harbor Island Utilities, Incorporated for Approval of a New Schedule of Rates and Charges for Water and Sewer Service on Harbor Island, Beaufort County.

A Protestant is an individual objecting on the ground of private or public interest to the approval of an Application, Petition, Motion or other matters which the Commission may have under consideration. A Protestant may offer sworn testimony but cannot cross-examine witnesses offered by other parties.

According to the Commission's Rules of Practice and Procedure, filing a Protest does not make you a Party of Record. A Protestant desiring to become an Intervenor (i.e., a Party of Record) in a proceeding before the Commission may file a Petition for Intervention within the time prescribed by the Commission.

If we may be of further assistance to you, please do not hesitate to contact us.

Sincerely,

Deborah Easterling
Executive Assistant
803-896-5133

From: Keith Bodiford
Sent: Monday, November 21, 2016 2:34 PM
To: PSC_Contact <Contact@psc.sc.gov>
Cc: Liz Bodiford
Subject: Docket 2016-29-WS Letter of Protest

Please find the attached Letter of Protest for Docket 2016-29-WS.

Regards,
Keith Bodiford



* Required Fields

Date: * 11/18/2016

Letter of Protest
in Docket 2016 - 29 - WS

Protestant Information:

Name * Keith and Liz Bodiford

Mailing Address *

City* North Augusta

State* SC

Zip * 29860

Phone *

E-mail

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.)

Owner of unit in Cedar Reef Villas on Harbor Island, SC.

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

See additional page attached below.

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

Prior work commitments will not allow me to appear.

The proposed increase by Harbor Island Utilities by 68% (\$37.18 to \$62.42) and 106% (\$17.24 to \$35.61) sewer and water multi-resident flat monthly fee respectively, and a 55% (\$4.62 to \$7.17) increase in per 1000 gal usage fee is not justifiable considering the slight increase of 2.6% by BIWSA over 2 years and 3% by FIPSD in 2015. From initial review of submitted justification by HIU, they submit as a portion of the justification, adding an effluent filtration system in 2007 AND replacement of the same system in 2016.

Although we are happy to see HIU making improvements to its systems it is unfair for HIU to use 2015 as a "test year". HIU's submission states, "major improvements" were made in 2015. The cost of major improvements should be amortized over multiple years and should not be used to justify significant cost increases by using the major improvement years as test years for rate determination. From submitted documents, major renovations/improvements were made in 2006/2007 then nothing shown again until 2015. If this is the trend for major improvements, then the cost of those improvements should be amortized over an 8 – 10 year period.