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Adams, Hope

From: Adams, Hope
Sent: Thursday, November 17, 2016 12:27 PM
To: 'Terri Legrand'
Subject: RE: Rate increase of water on Harbor Island, SC

Dear Terri Legrand,

This is to acknowledge receipt of your Letter of Protest filed with the Public Service Commission of South Carolina. Your Letter of Protest will be 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.

Hope H. Adams
Administrative Coordinator
(803) 896-5122

From: Terri Legrand [mailto:]
Sent: Thursday, November 17, 2016 11:37 AM
To: PSC_Contact <Contact@psc.sc.gov>
Subject: Rate increase of water on Harbor Island, SC

See attached letter of protest for the 80% flat fee and 55% per 1000 gallons use of water on Harbor Island, SC



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Letter of Protest
in Docket 2016 - 29 - WS

Date: * 11/17/16

Protestant Information:

Name * Charles and Terri LeGrand

Mailing Address * _____

City* Greenville

State* SC

Zip * 29605

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.)

We own property on Harbor Island and are customers of Harbor Island Utilities.

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

We are protesting the 80% increase in the flat fee water rate and the 55% increase in the per 1000 gallons use fee. We understand that it has been 10 years since there has been a substantial rate increase, however, to have such a great increase at one time is unreasonable. Employers do not provide such increases to wages/incomes of families at this percentage, so why does a lack of financial planning allow HI Utilities to justify such an additional burden at one time. We understand that costs of services increase each year, but an 80% and 55% increase is ridiculous. Again, poor planning (budget) is not a reason to put such a hardship on individuals. The budget and anticipation of needed services must be addressed annual and increases proposed according to cost of living incr

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

No