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From: Adams, Hope
Sent: Thursday, December 01, 2016 7:42 AM
To: 'Peter M. Somerville'
Subject: RE: Harbor Island Utilities, Inc. - DOCKET NO. 2016-29-WS

Dear Mr. Somerville,

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.

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From: Peter M. Somerville [mailto:-----]
Sent: Wednesday, November 30, 2016 9:34 PM
To: PSC_Contact <Contact@psc.sc.gov>
Subject: Harbor Island Utilities, Inc. - DOCKET NO. 2016-29-WS

Attached is my letter of protest in the subject rate case.

Peter M. Somerville

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Letter of Protest
in Docket 2016 - 29 - WS

Date: * 11/30/2016

Protestant Information:

Name * Peter M. Somerville

Mailing Address * 16 Mises Road

City* Ladys Island

State* SC

Zip * 29907-2073

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.)

I own property at _____, St. Helena (Harbor Island), SC that is served by the applicant, and therefore, I am a customer of the company that is the subject of this proceeding.

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

The small increase in wholesale water rates does not warrant the huge increase in rates. Water is often cut off for hours at a time to make repairs. Water does not taste good and sometimes smells. I have to regularly clean debris out of my faucet screens. Unable to economically treat and dispose of sewage. The utility is too small to be economically viable. There is little opportunity for customer growth and none for territorial growth. In the near term, the customer base will shrink due to hurricane erosion/damage. If you follow your mission statement to "promote cost-effective and reliable utility services", you will require the merger of the system with a larger one, such as BJWSA or FIPSD that can benefit from economies of scale to provide better service at lower cost.

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

Unknown at this time.