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From: Adams, Hope
Sent: Wednesday, November 30, 2016 10:39 AM
To: 'Roberts CIV James E'
Subject: RE: Letter of Protest for Docket 2016-29-WS

Dear Mr. Roberts,

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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-----Original Message-----

From: Roberts CIV James E [mailto:Roberts.CIV.James.E@psc.sc.gov]
Sent: Wednesday, November 30, 2016 10:33 AM
To: PSC_Contact <Contact@psc.sc.gov>
Subject: Letter of Protest for Docket 2016-29-WS

Good Morning,

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

Respectfully Submitted,
James E. Roberts

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Letter of Protest
in Docket 2016 - 29 - WS

Date: * 11/30/2016

Protestant Information:

Name * Jim Roberts

Mailing Address *

City* Harbor Island

State* SC

Zip * 29920

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 am a customer of Harbor Island Utilities (HIU).

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

Mr. Bob Gross stated that a PSD filing is an expensive undertaking for a small utility provider such as HIU; therefore, this is the first filing in several years. He also explained that the proposed rate increases include major repairs that had to be performed over the last 2 years. I have not reviewed the HIU financial submittal, but I suspect that it includes costs for future major repairs so that HIU can avoid another PSD filing for another several years. I yield to the PSD to review and rule on the HIU proposed increases with one caveat - in lieu of requiring small utility providers such as HIU to submit a filing to the PSD for every rate change, recommend that the PSD allow small utility providers to increase rates a by 1 to 2 % annually to keep up with normal inflation.

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

Yes, but I will be unable to attend the public hearing on 12/1/16.