

**Adams, Hope**

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**From:** Adams, Hope  
**Sent:** Friday, November 18, 2016 7:47 AM  
**To:** 'diego puiggari'  
**Subject:** RE: Protest Letter for docket 2016-29-WS

Dear Diego Puiggari,

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](http://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:** diego puiggari [mailto:diego.puiggari@psc.sc.gov]  
**Sent:** Thursday, November 17, 2016 8:42 PM  
**To:** PSC\_Contact <Contact@psc.sc.gov>  
**Subject:** Protest Letter for docket 2016-29-WS

Hello Public Service Commission,  
Attached I have forward my Letter of Protest to Harbor Island Utilities proposal for residential rate hikes to residents on Harbor Island.



\* Required Fields

Date: \* 11-15-16

**Letter of Protest**  
**in Docket** 2016 - 29 - WS

**Protestant Information:**

Name \* Diego Puiggari

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.)**

Customer of the monopoly utility provider (Harbor Island Utilities)

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

The water rates currently charged to residents of Harbor Island are already significantly higher than those charged by BJWSA, and will be greater than 2x with new proposed rates (\$7.17 compared to \$3.41). Also, HIU's water flat fee (\$17.24 going up to \$35.61) will be greater than 4x that charged by BJWSA (\$8.00). HIU cites need for these significant rate hikes to minor cost increases (+\$0.03 wholesale rate from BJWSA, +\$0.01 transportation from FIPSD)

We oppose paying 2x-3x higher rates for service that is 1/2 that of the other local utilities.

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

Unfortunately, I am unable to attend, but send this protest letter to communicate my opposition to the proposed rate increase.