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Mr. Tre Hargett

As a citizen of Chattanooga and a taxpayer, I urge you to reconsider the increase in water rates from Tennessee American Water Company. Over the past 18 months, our water rates have increase to over 20% including the sewer charges. Our budgets are strained due to higher food and energy costs. The additional costs that are being requested by Tennessee American are not justified given there record profits.

Regards,

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