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May 7, 2015

Ms. Sharla Dillon, Dockets & Records Manager
Tennessee Regulatory Authority
502 Deaderick Street, 4th Street
Nashville, TN 37243

Re: Joint Petition of Aqua Utilities Company & TRA Staff (as a party)
To Increase Rates & Charges, TRA Docket No. 15-00044

Dear Ms. Dillon:

I am enclosing herewith an original and four copies of our letter in opposition to the proposed rate increases by Aqua Utility Company, in accordance with TRA Docket No. 15-00044.

Please file this letter in the document file referenced above.

Thank you for your cooperation.

POINTS OF PICKWICK OWNERS ASSOCIATION

R. E. Linkous
President

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Hon. Herbert H. Hilliard, Chairman
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Dear Chairman Hilliard:

My name is R. E. Linkous and I'm President of Points of Pickwick Owners Association. Points of Pickwick is located in Hardin County, Tennessee. Aqua Utilities Company provides water and wastewater services to our community.

I am writing this letter on behalf of the 315 home owners and/or lot owners within Points of Pickwick. As President of the Homeowners Association, I have received numerous phone calls and inquiries concerning the proposed rate increase by Aqua Utilities.

Our association strongly opposes this enormous rate increase by Aqua Utilities of approximately 64%. This rate increase equates to approximately 8% per year, since their last rate increase in 2007.

For the record, during this same time frame from the year 2007, the Consumer Price Index (CPI) has only increased 14.4%. The Gross Domestic Product (GDP) increased an average of 2.5% per year since 2007.

Chairman Herbert H. Hilliard

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Additionally, in my brief research and personal telephone conversations with various energy/utility companies, I am advised that most all other energy and utility providers have either stabilized their rates during the time frame from 2007 or at most increased them by only a few percent. Never in their history have they requested anywhere near a 64% increase.

The short time frame since receipt of Aqua Utilities' "NOTICE" of rate increase (approximately April 12, 2015) has not allowed our association ample time to prepare a more comprehensive objection to this rate increase and/or seek representation by Counsel.

In closing, we respectfully request the Authority consider our opposition to this exorbitant rate increase of 64%, and table Aqua Utilities' proposed rate increase until a thorough investigation and a comprehensive financial audit is provided by Aqua Utilities to TRA, along with granting our association adequate time to engage representation by Counsel.

Your understanding and cooperation in this matter is greatly appreciated.

Sincerely,

POINTS OF PICKWICK OWNERS ASSOCIATION

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "REL", with a stylized flourish extending from the end.

R. E. Linkous
President

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