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Keith Inman

February 5, 2025

24-00044

Tennessee Public Utility Commission 502 Deaderick Street, 4th Floor Nashville, TN 37243

RE: Limestone Water Utility Operating Company rate increase proposal for Shiloh Falls Residents

Dear Commissioners:

Thank you for all that you do to protect the citizens of our great state from those who desire to bring us financial harm. Thank you for standing tall in the gap.

Limestone Water Utility Operating Company (Limestone Water) placed a notice in The Courier, Savannah, TN, 1.16.25, Page 8A announcing its water rate-increase proposal for Hardin County submitted to TPUC on 7.16.24. A friend emailed a copy of the notice to me which is when I became aware of the proposed increase in water rates. A copy is attached for your review.

As you can see, the proposed increases are excessive. More specifically though, the proposed rate change for Shiloh Falls Residential from an average monthly bill of \$20.03 to \$86.64 is an increase of \$66.61 (433%). This is appalling.

On behalf of the residents of Shiloh Falls and on behalf of all Tennessee communities who are being terrorized by Limestone, would you please intervene and reject this increase?

Sincerely,

Keith Inman

Enclosure

Notice is hereby given that, on July 16, 2024, Limestone Water Utility Operating Company ("Limestone Water") filed a request for approval with the Tennessee Public Utility Commission ("TPUC" or "Commission") to adjust water and wastewater utility rates. The proposed rate changes are set forth in Limestone Water's Petition to Increase Charges, Fees and Rates and for Approval of a General Rate Increase and Consolidated Rates ("Petition"), which is on file with TPUC in Docket No. 24-00044, and can be found at http://share.tn.gov/tra/ dockets/2400044.htm. As outlined in the Petition and accompanying testimony, rates for many of the water and wastewater systems subject to these changes are recently acquired by Limestone Water and previously have not had the periodic adjustments necessary to properly operate and maintain the facilities. Limestone has invested significantly in these systems to ensure they are operating properly and continue to deliver clean and reliable water and wastewater services to customers. The Commission may adopt or reject the proposed rates. If the proposed rates are approved, the predicted monthly bill increase for the average residential and business customers are outlined in the tables below. Please note that the monthly bills are categorized by average usage where applicable. The revised rate schedules, tariffs, and reasons for the proposed changes are available for public inspection at the Commission, which may be reached at 1-800-342-8359.

The Commission will hold a public comment meeting at The Lodge at Pickwick Landing State Park, Conference C1, at 120 Playground Loop, Counce, Tennessee 38326, on Thursday, January 30, 2025, from 3:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m. (CST). Members of the public are invited to attend and present comments on Limestone Water's Petition and proposed general rate increase. In addition, members of the public may file written comments with the Commission by sending an email to contact.tpuc@tn.gov with a reference to Docket No. 24-00044 in the subject line of the email. A tentative hearing date on the Petition and proposed general rate increase has been scheduled by the Commission for February 18, 2025, in Nashville, Tennessee in Hearing Room G.201, Andrew Jackson State Office Building, 500 Deaderick Street to hear testimony and to determine whether the requested rate increase, or any part thereof, should be approved. The

public will have an opportunity to offer comments during the February hearing as well. In the event the February 18, 2025 hearing date is modified by the Commission, the Commission will provide notice of any such change on its website. Participants with disabilities who require special accommodations or alternate communications formats should contact the Tennessee Public Utility Commission ADA-EEO/AA Coordinator/Officer at 502 Deaderick Street, 4th Floor, Nashville, Tennessee 37243-0505, 1-800-342-8359 or TDD (615) 741-3930, so that reasonable accommodations can be made. The current rates and charges and the proposed rates and charges are set forth below:

Water Systems Average Rate Increase			
System & Meter Size	Usage	Present Rate	Proposed Rate
Aqua Utilities 3/4" & 5/8"	Average Bill of 3,000 gallons usage	\$25.75	\$82.29
Aqua Utilities 1"	Average Bill of 3,750 gallons	\$28.04	\$102.86
Aqua Utilities	Average Bill of 15,000 gallons	\$62.35	\$411.44
Aqua Utilities 2"	Average Bill of 24,000 gallons	\$89.80	\$647.75
Candlewood Lakes (unmetered)	n/a	\$40.00	\$67.50

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System &	Usage	Present Rate	Proposed Rate
Customer Type	P.W. C2 000 JH	\$25.75	\$86.64
Aqua Utilities	Average Bill of 3,000 gallons	\$23.13	\$00.04
Residential	usage	\$20.03	\$86.64
Shiloh Falls Residential	Average Bill of 3,000 gallons	1967年	
Grassland Residential	n/a	\$42.00	\$86.64
Arrington Retreat Residential	n/a	\$55.25	\$86.64
Hideaway Residential	n/a	\$55.25	\$86,64
Hardeman Residential	n/a	\$55.25	\$86.64
Chapel Woods Residential	n/a	\$29.00	\$86.64
Lakeside Estates Residential	n/a	\$43.37	\$86.64
Grassland	Base	\$37.00	\$86.64
Commercial .	Average Bill of 3,000 gallons	\$63.25	\$86.64
Arrington Retreat	Base	\$37.00	\$86.64
Commercial	Average Bill of 3,000 gallons	\$63.25	\$86.64 \$86.64
Hideaway	Base	\$37.00	\$86.64
Commercial	Average Bill of 3,000 gallons	\$63.25	\$86.64
Hardeman	Base	\$37.00	\$86.64
Commercial	Average Bill of 3,000 gallons	\$63.25	\$86.64
Lakeside Estates	Base up to 300 gallons per day	\$68.37	\$86.64
Commercial	Average Bill of 450 gallons per	\$98.37	\$60.04