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Tennessee Public Utility Commission

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Dear Commissioners,

I am writing to express my concerns regarding the proposed

water rate increase detailed in Docket No. 24-00044. As a resident of Counce, Tennessee, I believe that this increase is unwarranted for several reasons:

- 1. Financial Impact on Residents: Many residents in our community are on fixed incomes or face financial hardships. An increase in water rates would exacerbate these challenges, making it difficult for families to afford essential services.
- 2. Lack of Justification: The documentation provided in Docket No. 24-00044 does not offer sufficient evidence to support the necessity of a rate increase. Without clear justification, it is unreasonable to impose additional financial burdens on consumers.
- 3. Efficiency Concerns: Before considering a rate hike, the utility company should explore cost-saving measures and improve operational efficiencies. Passing costs onto consumers should be a last resort, not a first response.

I urge the Tennessee Public Utility Commission to thoroughly review the justifications for this proposed rate increase and consider the adverse effects it would have on residents. I respectfully request that you deny the rate increase outlined in Docket No. 24-00044.

Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Sincerely,

Andrew McLemore