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Public Utility Commission of Texas

Re: Docket No. 58124 – Application of Aqua Texas, Inc. for the Authority to Change Rates.

To Whom it May Concern:

ESTATES AT WILLOW CREEK COMMUNITY IMPROVEMENT ASSOCIATION, INC.

POSITION STATEMENT OPPOSING AQUA TEXAS, INC.'S PROPOSED RATE INCREASE

Please be advised that this law firm represents Estates at Willow Creek Community Improvement Association, Inc.

The Estates at Willow Creek Community Improvement Association, Inc. strongly opposes Aqua Texas, Inc.'s proposed rate increase affecting the residents and property owners of Estates at Willow Creek. The Association stands firmly with its homeowners and residents in challenging this requested increase and urges regulators to reject any rate adjustment that is not fully justified, necessary, and supported by substantial evidence.

Our community is comprised of families, retirees, and working individuals who already face increasing costs associated with housing, insurance, taxes, utilities, and everyday living expenses. The proposed increase would impose a significant and unfair financial burden on homeowners and residents who have little to no ability to seek alternative water service providers. As a monopoly utility, Aqua Texas occupies a unique position of responsibility to ensure that any requested rate increases are reasonable, necessary, and fully supported by demonstrated need. The burden should not be placed upon customers to subsidize excessive or unsupported costs.

The Association is deeply concerned that the proposed rate increase would disproportionately affect our residents, many of whom have carefully budgeted their household expenses based upon current utility costs. Any material increase in water rates directly impacts the affordability of homeownership and places unnecessary financial strain on families throughout the community. Such increases can have long-term consequences for property values, marketability of homes, and the overall economic well-being of the neighborhood.

The Estates at Willow Creek Community Improvement Association believes that utility rate increases should only be approved when the utility has clearly demonstrated that the increase is necessary, justified, prudent, and in the public interest. To the extent Aqua Texas seeks to pass additional costs on to consumers, it must first establish that such costs are reasonable and that all available alternatives have



been considered to minimize the impact on customers. Absent such a showing, residents should not be required to shoulder additional financial burdens.

The Association further supports the efforts of individual homeowners and residents who have expressed concerns regarding this proposal and encourages a thorough review of the requested increase. The voices of those directly affected deserve substantial consideration in any determination regarding rates that will impact their homes and households for years to come.

Accordingly, the Estates at Willow Creek Community Improvement Association respectfully requests that the proposed rate increase be denied, or alternatively, significantly reduced unless and until Aqua Texas can demonstrate through reliable evidence that the requested increase is fair, reasonable, necessary, and in the best interests of the customers it serves.

The Association stands united with the owners and residents of Estates at Willow Creek in opposition to this proposed rate increase and advocates for the protection of affordable utility service for all members of our community.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "Sarah B. Gerdes". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a long horizontal stroke extending from the end of the name.

Sarah B. Gerdes

