



City of Hideaway

101-B Hideaway Lane Central
Hideaway, TX 75771-5001



Public Utility Commission of Texas

P.O. Box 13326

Austin, TX 78711-3326

Re: Undine LLC proposed acquisition of Crystal Systems and associated rate increase: Docket No. 53765

Dear PUC:

In 2015 The City of Hideaway adopted an ordinance repealing an earlier ordinance that awarded jurisdiction of water rates to the TCEQ and adopting an ordinance whereby the City of Hideaway would retain exclusive original jurisdiction over water utility rates. A copy of this ordinance No. 29-04-03-15 included for your reference.

For reasons unknown to us, Undine LLC was not aware that the City of Hideaway had passed the referenced ordinance and filed a notice on Dec. 2, 2022, that advised current customers of Crystal Systems. The City of Hideaway objects to this action by Undine LLC. They should have filed a proposed rate increase with the City of Hideaway and not directly with the PUC.

The notice that we received indicates that current customers only have 30 days to file written notice of objections with the PUC. Considering the notice was mailed on Dec. 2, but not received in our office until Dec. 13, we strongly object to the proposed rate increase by Undine LLC and the improper filing of the notice. We are sending Undine LLC a copy of this letter and asking them to properly file their documents with the City of Hideaway.

Sincerely,

Ray Hutcheson

Mayor of the City of Hideaway

Cc: Undine Texas, LLC
17681 Telge Road
Cypress, TX 77429

ORDINANCE NO. 29-09-03-15

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF HIDEAWAY, TEXAS, REPEALING ORDINANCE 06-12-16-02; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

WHEREAS, it is in the public interest to preserve and protect the public health, safety and general welfare; and

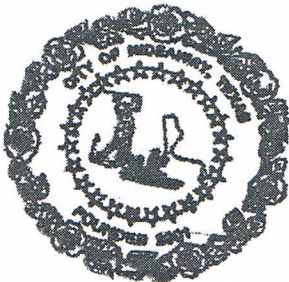
WHEREAS, it is in the public interest for the City to retain exclusive original jurisdiction over the water utility rates, operations, and services of Crystal Systems of Texas Inc. within the incorporated limits of the city; NOW, THEREFORE,

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE BOARD OF ALDERMEN OF THE CITY OF HIDEAWAY, TEXAS:

SECTION 1. That Ordinance 06-12-16-02, and any other ordinance of the City of Hideaway in conflict with the provisions of this ordinance, is hereby repealed.

SECTION 2. This Ordinance shall take effect immediately from and after its passage, as the law in such cases provides.

DULY PASSED by the Board of Aldermen of the City of Hideaway, Texas, on the 3rd day of September 2015.



APPROVED:

Pat Bonds

PAT BONDS, MAYOR

ATTEST:

Frankie Shyama
CITY SECRETARY

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

Robert L. Dillard

CITY ATTORNEY

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