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Mr. Ken Levine
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Dear Mr. Levine:

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on the Sunset Advisory Commission Supplement to the Staff Report on the Public Utility Commission of Texas (PUC) as submitted to the Sunset Advisory Commission. The Office of Public Utility Counsel (OPUC) will limit its comments to the OPUC portion of the supplemental staff report as follows:

Recommendation S 1.6

Require OPUC to represent residential and small commercial interests relating to water and wastewater utilities, contingent on the transfer to PUC.

OPUC supports this recommendation. In its *Annual Report for FY 2009*, OPUC recommended that the Legislature consider restoring OPUC with such advocacy authority which would complement OPUC's current advocacy role for electric and telephone customers. OPUC looks forward to working with the Commission and Legislature in implementing this recommendation.

Thank you again for the opportunity to provide feedback on the Sunset Supplemental Staff Report. We will be available for questions during the public hearing. Please do not hesitate to contact me or my staff if there is anything at all that we can do for your staff or members of the Commission as we complete this process.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Sheri Givens".

Sheri Givens
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