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Public comment submitted to Mike Gleason, Arizona Corporation Commissioner by Fred Schenck, a resident of Sun City, Arizona living at 20014 N. Lakeforest Drive in that community via e-mail to: mgleason@cc.state.az.us.

Dear Mr. Gleason,

I want to thank the Arizona Corporation Commission for providing a forum for public comment on the rate determination for the Arizona-American Water Company and I want to apologize for being unable to attend the November 12, 2003 meeting.

I do not have the specific information needed to determine if the rate that the Arizona-American Water Company has requested is appropriate but your letter appearing in the Daily News-Sun suggests that it may be excessive. I hope that the ACC will make the correct judgment in that regard and not allow excessive profits to leave the United States economy to aid a foreign corporation.

What I would like to suggest to you and your fellow commissioners is that in addition to fair compensation for the maintenance and operation of the water and sewerage services, that the individual consumer's charges be structured to encourage water conservation and discourage excessive use. We live in a desert and are presently in a period of drought that may last for many years. The ACC has an opportunity to encourage water conservation that I hope they will take full advantage of.

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