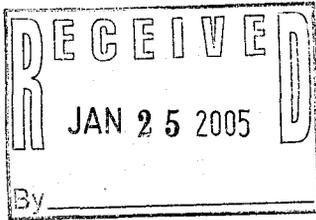




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Dear Mr. Hatch-Miller,

My wife and I both live in Tubac, directly opposite the proposed arsenic treatment facility that the American Water Company is planning to build. We are retired and live in a modest home. We have a limited retirement income and the proposed \$75.00 a month water bill increase represents a significant added expense. We are protesting this extremely high increase.

We understand the government mandates the water cost increase because the arsenic content in our water is a potential health hazard. The added cost to our water bill is, as we understand it, is to construct a facility to reduce the arsenic level. I understand the EPA requires this in all of the water that we drink.

Santa Cruz County has individuals who have studied the American Water Company proposal to construct a 1.7 million-dollar water treatment facility. Their study suggests that there are possibly other, less expensive alternate treatments. Also, alternate methods of financing the project are possible. We would like to request that these alternate treatment and financing considerations be carefully reviewed by the Corporate Commission before approving the American Water Company expensive plan.

We understand that the American Water Company wants to commence construction of the arsenic water treatment facility on March 1, 2005. We request that the Corporation Commission delay this date in order for the Santa Cruz County Citizens to further evaluate possible alternative solutions to the arsenic problem.

On a different issue, we are also concerned with the renewal of the 345 KV power line proposed by TEP. As a professional electrical engineer, I have studied the Magruder plan, of which the Corporation Commission is aware, and I feel this line is not necessary.

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