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AZ CORP COMMISSION
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RE: Input in the matter of the Application of Arizona-American Water Company for an increase in its Rates and Charges for utility service in the Mohave Water District.

DOCKET No. W-01303A-02-0869

Dear Sirs:

On behalf of RiverView RV Resort, a 697 unit RV Resort complex located at 2000 E. Ramar Rd., Bullhead City, Arizona, we wish to provide input in the application for an increase in the Water Rates and Charges filed by the Arizona-American Water Company in the Mohave Water District. We are currently classified as a "Multi-Unit Housing Customer" of the Utility in Mohave County, and therefore we have an interest in the ramifications of how the water billing is calculated, as well as any additional increase in the water rates.

First, we fully concur with the Arizona Corporation Commission staff that a rate decrease (and not a rate increase) is justified. This is especially true for "Multi-Unit Housing Customers", which are typically apartment buildings and recreational vehicle parks. We already have a grossly inflated rate based on a highly unusual and totally inappropriate method of calculating our water bill.

The current method of billing for water use within a "Multi-Unit Housing Project" is based on the number of units within the complex, regardless of occupancy or water consumption. In other words, the primary component of our current water bill for all 12 months of the year, is based on the number of units times \$8.65 per unit regardless of occupancy or water consumption. This results in a grossly inflated rate, penalizing us by more than \$ 55,428 plus 5,543 in additional taxes per year when compared to other commercial users despite the fact we maintain our own water infrastructure. In spite of numerous complaints, the Arizona American Water Company has not proposed a new rate design for "Centrally Metered Residential Units".

RiverView RV Resort respectfully recommends and requests that the Arizona Corporation Commission deny the rate increase requested by the Arizona American Water Company, approve the rate decrease recommended by the Arizona Corporation Commission staff and amend the current "Centrally Metered Residential Unit" rate design so that the rate will be equitably based on the size of the meter serving the property along with an appropriate water quantity or usage rate. This method of billing for water use would then be the same as any other commercial use.

Sincerely,

Mel Maritz, President

Arizona Corporation Commission

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