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Re: Input to 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

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Dear Sirs:

ARIZONA CORPORATION COMMISSION
HEARING DIVISION

On behalf of Vista Loma Apartments, a 40 unit apartment complex located at 2367 Merrill Avenue, Bullhead City, AZ, 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 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. This results in a grossly inflated rate, penalizing us more than other commercial users. In spite of numerous complaints, the Arizona American Water Company has not proposed a new rate design for "Centrally Metered Residential Units".

As spokesperson for Vista Loma Apartments, I respectfully recommend and request that the Arizona Corporation Commission deny the rate increase requested by the Arizona American Water Company, approve the rate decrease recommended by the American 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 and usage rate. This method of billing for water use would then be the same as any other commercial use.

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Sincerely,

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