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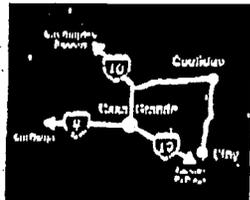
RE: Arizona Water Company Rate Case for Western Group, ACC Docket No. W-01445A-04-0650

Dear Commissioners:

I am writing to express our deep concern and opposition to the Recommended Opinion and Order (ROO) issued on October 4, 2005 in the Arizona Water Company rate case, which recommends a three-tiered inverted system rate structure.

The Greater Casa Grande Valley Economic Development Foundation (Foundation) provides the economic development services for communities in western Pinal County, including Casa Grande, Coolidge, Eloy and Maricopa. As the organization tasked with retaining and attracting quality businesses to the region, it is imperative that the cost of doing business in our area is reasonable and competitive with that of other areas statewide and nationwide.

We strongly oppose this recommended rate structure that unduly places the cost burden on business and industry. This system is particularly harsh on those companies who are already water conservation minded, have implemented systems to save and conserve water, and need water as a part of their process and products, such as Abbott Laboratories and Frito-Lay.

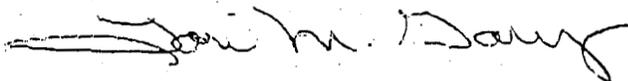


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The recommended three-tiered inverted system rate structure would be detrimental to our entire existing business base. It would also severely impact our ability to attract additional employers to the region. With the fast past growth in our region, it is imperative that our citizens not only have a place to live, but a quality place to work.

We implore you to reject the recommended three-tiered inverted system rate structure and look, rather, towards a single-tier proposal.

Sincerely,



Lori M. Gary, CEcD
Executive Director

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