



PETITION REQUESTING THE DENIAL OF A RATE INCREASE BEING ASKED FOR BY FAR WEST WATER AND SEWER COMPANY.

We, the following property owners and renters strongly request that the Arizona Corporation Commission not approve "any" increase to the Far West (Foothills) Water and Sewer Company.

Reasons as Follows:

- 1. In 2005 the Far West District, started for the first time to collect sewer charges whether the properties were occupied or vacant. This amounted to a more than 200% increase for those owners and renters that lived here for four (4) months a year.
2. Many cities charge sewer rates based on water consumption for the least two months average. Far West Sewer charges more for sewer than the cost of the water usage fees. Most of these are retirees and are on a fixed income and may find an increase difficult.
3. Far West Sewer district has requested a ridiculous raise after having been fined one and a half million dollars for negligent death and failure to provide safe working conditions for it's employees (as per media). Property owners should not have to pay for this negligence.
4. An increase would not only be a hardship for the "Winter Visitors" but also the full time residents who work hard to make ends meet and support their families.

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AZ Corporation Commission
Director of Utilities

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Date: 3/28/2006

Complaint Description: 08A Rate Case Items - Opposed

First:

Last:

Complaint By:

Lee

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Account Name:

Lee Johnson

Home: (000) 000-0000

Street:

[REDACTED]

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City:

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State:

[REDACTED] Zip: [REDACTED]

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Utility Company: Far West Water & Sewer, Inc.

Division:

Water

Contact Name:

[REDACTED]

Contact Phone: ([REDACTED]) [REDACTED]

Nature of Complaint:

To:

Arizona Corporation Commission
Consumer Services Section
1200 West Washington Street
Phoenix, AZ
85007

Re: Docket No SW-03478A-05-0801

I am writing as an affected landowner and customer of Far West Water and Sewer to provide comment on the application of Far West Water and Sewer Company for an increase in its sewer rates.

I am absolutely opposed to any increase in the rates of Far West. This company services in excess of 8,000 lots that were developed by it's sister company (H&S Developments) and sold primarily to snowbirds (seasonal residents) for the primary purpose of parking recreational vehicles and mobile homes for a few months during the winter. It is evident this was the company's intention as the Legal Description of the properties includes the term "Foothills Mobile Estates".

A brief review of the Far West rate structure reveals that until 2004, contrary to Far West's approved rate structure, the rate charged for sewer services was \$20 per month for the months the sewer was being used. This typically meant that a lot owner using the services seasonally would now pay \$240 per year as opposed to the previous \$100 for 5 months. In 2004 Far West obviously decided that they needed more money and conveniently decided to comply with their approved rate structure and started charging \$20 per month for the full calendar year. It is significant to note that this was an increase in the company's rates by 240%.

H & S Developments focus has now shifted to developing high end lots, restricting building to stick built only to their specifications, limiting construction to contractors they either own or control, restricting time limits for construction and requiring architectural committee approval of all landscaping. This shift in focus appears to have cost the company a significant amount of money in development that does not appear to be being recouped

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Sincerely,
Carmen Madrid
Public Utility Consumer Analyst
Utilities Division
End of Comments

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