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Hon. Chairman Mike Gleason
Arizona Corporation Commission
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Commissioners: Ms. Kirstin Mayes, Mr. William A. Mundell, Mr. Jeff Hatch-Miller,
Mr. Gary Pierce

Hon. Chairman Gleason:

Thank you for the opportunity to speak at September 14th Open Meeting regarding Paradise Valley water rate case 05-0405. You were very generous to allow residential and commercial consumers commentary regarding previous rate decision **68858** at the ACRM Open Hearing.

In Docket No. **W-01303A-05-0405**, I commend Chairman Gleason's considerable foresight, sensitivity and desire for just and reasonable rates as exemplified in the filing of Gleason Amendment # 1, on July, 24, 2006.

The decisions of the Commission greatly affect the consumer in every ruling. The impact of the High Block Usage Surcharge has rendered a devastating, and unintentional consequence to both commercial and residential consumers within the Arizona American Water District in Paradise Valley.

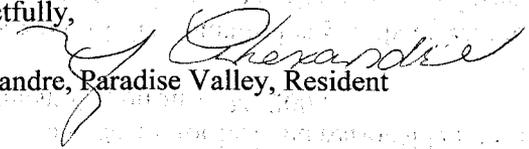
Importantly, the Notice was insufficient as it only specified a 5.4% base rate increase, and obliquely referred to a conservation surcharge. The Notice failed to inform the consumer that the higher-tier consumption surcharge would effect a 100 - 200 percent increase in the monthly rate to fund a discretionary fire flow infrastructure project, and would remain in effect in perpetuity.

Your consideration to review the Consumer Notice and the amortization of the project indicate your dedication to sustaining fair and equitable utility rates without prejudice to the consumer.

I am requesting that the Commission re-open and amend the Decision under the authority of A.R.S. § 40-252 to more equitably restructure the Public Safety and High Usages Surcharges.

Water is our most essential commodity and natural resource, the decisions of the Commission are vital to daily life and the economy of resorts and tourism of the State.

Respectfully,


j. Alexandre, Paradise Valley, Resident