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Hon. Chairman Mike Gleason
Arizona Corporation Commission
1200 West Washington
Phoenix, Arizona 85007

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 to the economy of resorts and tourism of the State.

Respectfully,

Jennifer Alexandre, Paradise Valley Resident

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Michael Gleason, Chairman
ARIZONA CORPORATION COMMISSION
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RE: Docket No. W-01303A-05-0405; Decision 68858

Dear Chairman Gleason;

I am writing to you of my concerns of Decision 68858, regarding water rates in the Paradise Valley Water District of Arizona-American Water Company.

I am submitting the first of multiple petitions, on behalf of 65 of my most immediate neighbors of the approximately 1200 affected residents in the water district. The Petition requests that the Commission revisit the Decision under the authority A.R.S. §§ 40-252.

After the implementation of the high block surcharge on August 1st, 2006 and receiving our first statements in September, we were utterly astounded at the percentage of increase of our water bills. At this time the statute of limitations and opportunity for Appeal had expired.

I believe that the Notice of September 06, 2005 regarding rate increases, the public notice, and the notice to customers in the August, 2006 billing statement were ambiguous, insufficient; and designed to mislead the residential consumer.

The Notice informs customers of an approximate 9 percent base rate increase, but fails to mention the excessive 100 - 200 plus percent increase from an arbitrary highblock surcharge.

Affected Residents are now facing monthly water bills of approximately \$1,000.00 - \$2,000.00 or more, primarily from a high usage surcharge to fund a discretionary fire flow project. This surcharge does not have a termination clause and will be in effect in

perpetuity. Also, this increase does not yet include the 2007 Public Safety and ACRM Surcharges; and the projected surcharges of 2008, 2009, and 2010.

Testimony of Arizona American misrepresented fundamental facts and information to the Commission regarding the effects of, and the proposed rates to its customers.

I appeal to your sensitivity and your desire for just and reasonable rates as exemplified in your Proposed Amendment #1 of July 24, 2006, to prohibit these surcharges in rate base.

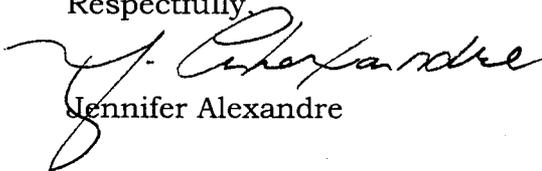
GLEASON PROPOSED AMENDMENT, PAGE 33, In relevant part, reads:

“For reasons we discussed earlier, we will not allow fire flow improvements to be included in rate base. Therefore, any surcharges or other means designed to recover the Company’s expenditures for fire flow projects, including the Public Safety surcharge proposed by Staff in Exhibit B, are unnecessary and we will not authorize them.”

Collectively as residents, we are requesting some process to reexamine the entire rate design and High Usage Surcharge for the residents/resorts of Arizona American Water Co. in Paradise Valley, as the rates do not appear to be just and reasonable, and are contrary to rate making policy.

Thank you for your immediate attention and consideration of this most urgent matter.

Respectfully,



Jennifer Alexandre

Encl: Petition

Cc: William A. Mundell, Commissioner
Jeff Hatch-Miller, Commissioner
Kirstin K. Mayes, Commissioner
Gary Pierce, Commissioner

PETITION

The following represents a list of customers who reside in Paradise Valley within the district of Arizona American Water Company (Arizona American) as their service provider. The following Petition is being submitted because we strongly disagree with the Arizona Corporation Commission (Commission) Rate Case Decision No. 68858, which was approved by the Commission on July 28, 2006.

We request that the Commission give re-consideration to this critical matter and review the Decision that granted Arizona American Water Company the current rates and surcharges.

Name

Billing Address

Phone Number

DAVID R BUCHAWA

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480 998 8063

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PARADISE VALLEY AZ 85253

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PETITION

The following represents a list of customers who reside in Paradise Valley within the district of Arizona American Water Company (Arizona American) as their service provider. The following Petition is being submitted because we strongly disagree with the Arizona Corporation Commission (Commission) Rate Case Decision No. 68858, which was approved by the Commission on July 28, 2006.

We request that the Commission give re-consideration to this critical matter and review the Decision that granted Arizona American Water Company the current rates and surcharges.

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Joseph Linnery
12/18/2006

480 365 2860

PETITION

The following represents a list of customers who reside in Paradise Valley within the district of Arizona American Water Company (Arizona American) as their service provider. The following Petition is being submitted because we strongly disagree with the Arizona Corporation Commission (Commission) Rate Case Decision No. 68858, which was approved by the Commission on July 28, 2006.

We request that the Commission give re-consideration to this critical matter and review the Decision that granted Arizona American Water Company the current rates and surcharges.

<u>Name</u>	<u>Billing Address</u>	<u>Phone Number</u>
<u>Lou Kirby</u>	<u>6121 E. Naumann Dr</u> <u>Paradise Valley AZ 85253</u>	<u>480-706-7999</u>
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PETITION

The following represents a list of customers who reside in Paradise Valley within the district of Arizona American Water Company (Arizona American) as their service provider. The following Petition is being submitted because we strongly disagree with the Arizona Corporation Commission (Commission) Rate Case Decision No. 68858, which was approved by the Commission on July 28, 2006.

We request that the Commission give re-consideration to this critical matter and review the Decision that granted Arizona American Water Company the current rates and surcharges.

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Billing Address

Phone Number

STARR TABER

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PETITION

The following represents a list of customers who reside in Paradise Valley within the district of Arizona American Water Company (Arizona American) as their service provider. The following Petition is being submitted because we strongly disagree with the Arizona Corporation Commission (Commission) Rate Case Decision No. 68858, which was approved by the Commission on July 28, 2006.

We request that the Commission give re-consideration to this critical matter and review the Decision that granted Arizona American Water Company the current rates and surcharges.

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WALTER F. DE LEAR

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PETITION

The following represents a list of customers who reside in Paradise Valley within the district of Arizona American Water Company (Arizona American) as their service provider. The following Petition is being submitted because we strongly disagree with the Arizona Corporation Commission (Commission) Rate Case Decision No. 68858, which was approved by the Commission on July 28, 2006.

We request that the Commission give re-consideration to this critical matter and review the Decision that granted Arizona American Water Company the current rates and surcharges.

<u>Name</u>	<u>Billing Address</u>	<u>Phone Number</u>	<u>Date</u>
Bader & Heery Wick	6601 E. Indian Bend Lot 12	948.0133	7/26/07
Sneak Tree & LINCEN LLC	6601 E. Indian Bend, P.V.		7/26/07
Bader & Heery Wick III	Lot 13 6601 E. Indian Bend		
Sneak Tree & LINCEN LLC (5702 E. Lincoln)	" "		

PETITION

The following represents a list of customers who reside in Paradise Valley within the district of Arizona American Water Company (Arizona American) as their service provider. The following Petition is being submitted because we strongly disagree with the Arizona Corporation Commission (Commission) Rate Case Decision No. 68858, which was approved by the Commission on July 28, 2006.

We request that the Commission give re-consideration to this critical matter and review the Decision that granted Arizona American Water Company the current rates and surcharges.

Name

Billing Address

Phone Number

MIC. LINDSEY

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JIM LINDSEY

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PETITION

The following represents a list of customers who reside in Paradise Valley within the district of Arizona American Water Company (Arizona American) as their service provider. The following Petition is being submitted because we strongly disagree with the Arizona Corporation Commission (Commission) Rate Case Decision No. 68858, which was approved by the Commission on July 28, 2006.

We request that the Commission give re-consideration to this critical matter and review the Decision that granted Arizona American Water Company the current rates and surcharges.

<u>Name</u>	<u>Billing Address</u>	<u>Phone Number</u>
Don Marshall	6201 E. Naumann Dr	
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PETITION

The following represents a list of customers who reside in Paradise Valley within the district of Arizona American Water Company (Arizona American) as their service provider. The following Petition is being submitted because we strongly disagree with the Arizona Corporation Commission (Commission) Rate Case Decision No. 68858, which was approved by the Commission on July 28, 2006.

We request that the Commission give re-consideration to this critical matter and review the Decision that granted Arizona American Water Company the current rates and surcharges.

<u>Name</u>	<u>Billing Address</u>	<u>Phone Number</u>
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