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YOUR NAME Don Baker	DATE 7-04-2003
YOUR ADDRESS 517 B Bailey Hill Bisbee AZ	YOUR PHONE NUMBER 520-432-2469
DOCKET YOU WISH TO COMMENT ON: Water Rate increase	DOCKET NUMBER W-01445A-02-0619
CASE OR UTILITY NAME Arizona Water Co.	YOUR POSITION ON THIS DOCKET PRO <input type="radio"/> CON <input checked="" type="radio"/> OTHER <input type="radio"/>
YOUR E-MAIL ADDRESS baker@theriver.com	

ENTER YOUR COMMENTS HERE:

Bisbee has alot of retired people and they live on a fixed income. A 50% increase is crazy!

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Step 1

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Step 2

YOUR NAME margo Wollenberg	DATE 7/03/03
YOUR ADDRESS 902 Tombstone Canyon (Box 638)	YOUR PHONE NUMBER 520-432-6960
DOCKET YOU WISH TO COMMENT ON: Az. Water Co. Rate Increase in Bisbee	DOCKET NUMBER W-01445A-02-0169
CASE OR UTILITY NAME Arizona Water Co.	YOUR POSITION ON THIS DOCKET PRO <input type="radio"/> CON <input checked="" type="radio"/> OTHER <input type="radio"/>
YOUR E-MAIL ADDRESS margo@bisbeeremax.com	

Step 3

ENTER YOUR COMMENTS HERE:

The company is proposing a 50.4% increase in our rates..we are being asked to share in costs to other towns who have arsenic standard problems. I feel this is totally unfair. Let the towns who need the upgrading pay for this..not our town of Bisbee, Az. We are a border town and are bearing the brunt of costs due to illegal immigrants in our court houses and hospitals....where are Federal Laws...but the Feds refuse to pay for the costs..Now Az. Water wants us to pay for improvements out of our area. Thanks you for this opportunity to comment. Margo Wollenberg

Margo Wollenberg

Step 4

*This form may be completed electronically, printed and mailed to:
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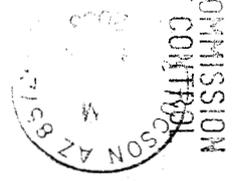
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These are hard times!
 Please don't let the
 Ariz. Water Co raise our
 water rates 50.4 percent.
 Thank you very much.
 Emma Loto
 112 Yucca St.
 Bisbee, AZ 85603

Dr. Kemp Kern
 Dept Contact Center
 1200 West Washington
 Phoenix AZ 85007



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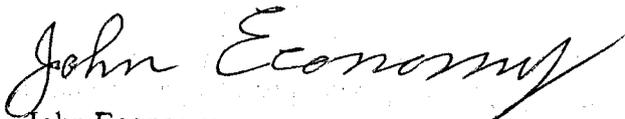
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Dear Sirs:

I have been a Bisbee resident for 74 years, and my family and I have been paying for the delivery of water since 1929, as have 15,000 to 20,000 other people for 75 years. As the City's population has declined since 1973 to 6500, I was in business and owned several buildings. Any credible company of any size, especially a utility company, would be expected to set aside a portion of their profit to pay for future improvements and repairs and replacement of old water lines. Bisbee residents have always been charged much higher rates for water than other cities and towns in this state. In the mid 1950's the water company raised the rates, saying they were not making enough money. At that time City Councilman Art Blunt offered to purchase said company. Supposedly, Arizona Water Company was losing so much money in Bisbee that they hired attorneys to fight the takeover. Would anyone in his right mind want to keep a company that was losing money?

The citizens of Bisbee cannot afford a 50.4% increase in water rates and do not see that such can be justified by the Arizona Water Company. Perhaps a 1-2% raise would be reasonable? What happened to the company's 100 years of profit made in Bisbee? Why can't that be used to pay for repair and replacement of older lines? Any other non-monopoly business cannot just raise their prices to compensate for their own mismanagement, so why should Arizona Water Co. try to do so? This is why the Corporation Commission was instituted, to protect citizens from monopoly-type businesses. Mr. Bill Garfield is quoted in the July 3 edition of The Bisbee Observer, saying that water mains are always expensive in Bisbee. Well, if water line must be dug up for repair or replacement, it was already dug in the first place and filled with loose dirt, so why should it cost more to do this than in any other town? It would behoove the citizens of Bisbee to voice their concerns to the Corporation Commission on this issue.

Thank you,



John Economy
P.O. Box 4365
Bisbee, Arizona 85603

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 s for listening,

BRIT HANSON
 Bisbee

**CORPORATION COMMISSION
 NEEDS TO INTERVENE**

To the Editor:

(Editor's note: The following letter was sent to the Arizona Corporation Commission.)

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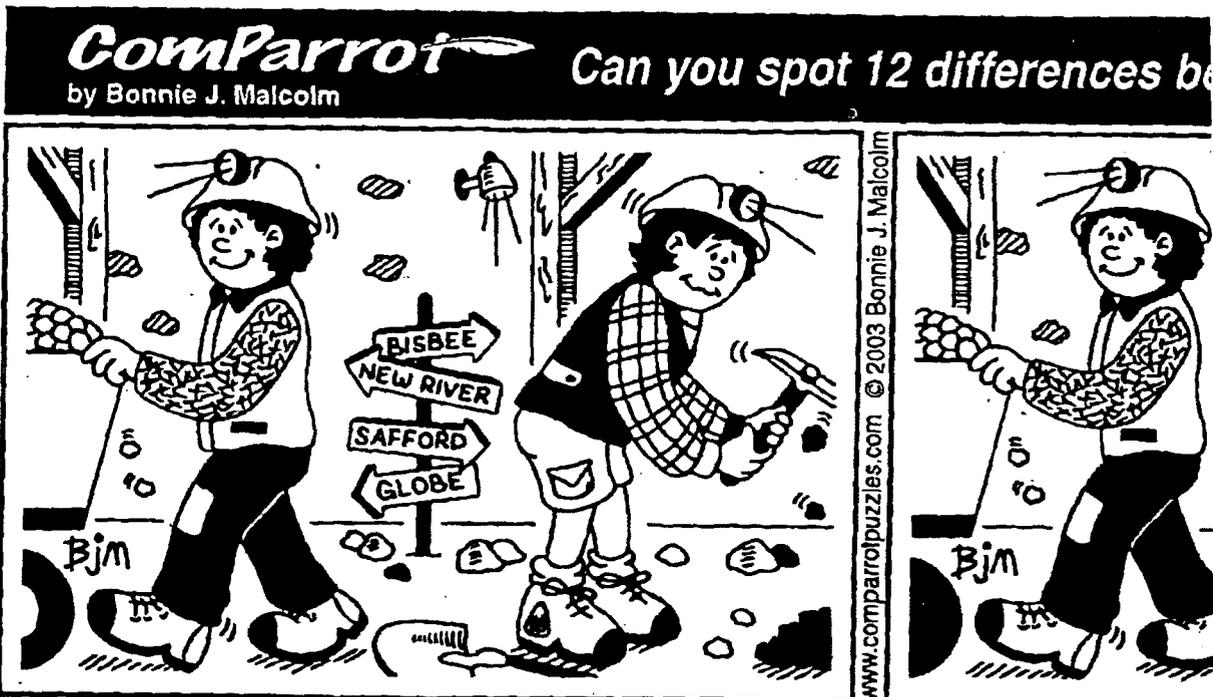
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Thank you,

JOHN ECONOMY
 Bisbee

**REMEMBER TO DISPLAY THE FLAG
 WITH RESPECT**
 To the Editor:



1. Part of man's vest is missing. 2. Part of man's vest is colored in. 3. Cuff on shirt is colored in. 4. Inside of cart tire is colored in. 5. Tab on dark vest has moved. 6. Rock in wall beside man. 7. Rock under pick has moved. 8. Rock in wall beside man. 9. Rock in wall beside man. 10. Top sign on post is wider. 11. Pocket flap is larger. 12. Crest on boot is upside down.

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Joan Huff -

Following is the article taken
from the Bisbee Observer concerning
the water rate hike.

Any questions - call (520) 433-6900.

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