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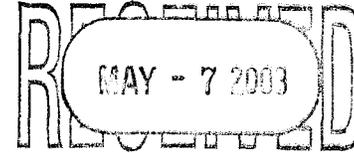
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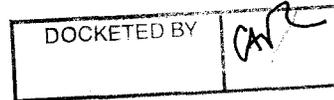
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Consumer Service - Utilities Division
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Director of Utilities

RE: Request for rate increase -
Arizona Water Company

MAY 08 2003



Dear Ms. Woller:

We have received notice that Arizona Water Company is, again, requesting a rate increase for water service within the Town of Superior. Although this rate increase appears to be smaller than previous rate increases requested, the economic conditions in the Town and the investment by Arizona Water Company do not justify such a rate increase.

From review of the documents obtained from Arizona Water Company, it appears that the Water Company is asking that the rate structure be modified so that consumers receive zero (0) gallons for the minimum monthly payment, rather than the 1,000 gallons they receive now. Arizona Water represents that this is only a small percentage rate increase. We disagree. Many people scrimp, save and preserve water to avoid going over the 1,000 gallon minimum because they cannot afford to pay additional sums. For those people who use under 1,000 gallons or just over that 1,000 gallon limit, the rate increase requested is in the range of 25% to 35%, not 9%.

In the past ten (10) years, the only investment in water infrastructure within the Town of Superior has been made by the Town or the few developers we have been able to lure to the Town. When that infrastructure was completed, it was turned over to Arizona Water Company, without any investment on their part.

It appears Arizona Water desires an increase in the return on their investment, despite the fact that most investors in this Country are receiving minimal, if any, return on their investment. The documents we are aware of being filed by Arizona Water shows they are making a sufficient return on the investment they have made and continue to receive returns on investment in infrastructure made by private developers and the Town.

We, therefore, request the Corporation Commission to deny any rate increase within the Town of Superior and leave the rate structure as it is.

Sincerely,

Mayor Michael Hing
Town of Superior