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Dear Corporation Commission,

This letter is in regard to the 29% increase being requested by the Arizona Water Company in Apache Junction.

Please don't allow the "poor water company" song to fill your ears so that you allow their "bean counters" to say that they're responsible in this "horrendous" rate increase!

Each Municipality is different in how H2O, sewer and trash pick-up is figured in our monthly utility bill. Before moving to the Apache Junction area in the fall of 2002, we resided in mesa for 30 years, where we had a 3 bedroom, 2 bath home with a pool. We have a 3 bedroom, 2 bath home with desert landscaping and our winter rates in the Apache Junction area are already more than the folks in Mesa pay in the summer and we don't have a pool.

The sewer company charges about \$1 a day for their service in Apache Junction...this was included in Mesa, along with trash pick-up, which is a separate company in Apache Junction.

Let words like "monopoly" and "expanding customer base" be in your ears as you consider the rate increase for the Arizona Water Company..

My wife is a good bookkeeper and would be glad to share our City of Mesa utility bills with you as you consider this important decision.

Sincerely,

J. Johns

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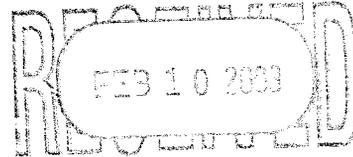
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Attention: Arizona Commissioners

As a customer of the Arizona Water Company I'm writing to you to **protest the 29% increase** in rates that is being requested by this Company.

I understand that we haven't had an increase in rates for a number of years. My problem is that the Company wants to raise the rates all at once.

We like many other people in Apache Junction are retired and are on a fixed income. An increase of 29% is to much to deal with.

If the Commission finds that a rate increase is necessary I recommend that the increase be spread over a three year period starting in 2004 through 2006. In this way it's a win/win for the Company and the consumer. The Company gets the increase needed to operate and our checkbook won't have a zero balance.

Your help and consideration in this matter is appreciated.


R. D. Sterling
Apache Junction resident