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Dear Chairman Gleason:

I am writing to you because I am very concerned about the proposed rate increases requested by Arizona American Water.

First of all, their request of a 27% increase is in excess of the October CPI for energy. Secondly, those of us on a fixed income, like Social Security, received only a 2.3% increase; how are we suppose to pay for all the double digit increases the Commission keeps giving the utilities? Please keep in mind that our energy costs as well as our costs for food, medical, etc. keep going up also and, unlike the Federal Government, we can't just print money to pay for these items. The third concern about this request is...what happened to the money they received in the last rate increase that was also for improvements? Did they just improve their offices and salaries?

As respects the request for fire flow, I don't think any open-ended request should be granted; especially when they do not have a cost estimate. Would you have someone repair your house who said, "just give me some money now and I'll let you know how much the final cost will be later"...I don't think so!

I ask all of you on the Board to consider us residents when making your final decision. We can only afford so much for *legitimate* rate increases before we will be forced to sell and move. If that happens, there will be no one to pay for these increases, no matter how legitimate.

Thank you for your consideration.

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