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From: DONALD MURPHY [samdonmurf@msn.com]
Sent: Sunday, July 29, 2007 5:10 PM
To: Gleason-WebEmail
Subject: Fw: Water rate increases



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Mr. Gleason; I wasn't sure you received my original message. This will reconfirm our concerns. Thank You!

----- Original Message -----
From: DONALD MURPHY

Subject: Water rate increases
Attention; Mr. Mike Gleason

We received our notice of Arizona American Water Co. request for rate hikes on wastewater. We are greatly disturbed by their intention to collect an additional \$195,600.00 per month, \$2,347,200.00 per year from the residents of Sun City West, based on fifteen thousand homes.

It is widely known that the majority of residents are on fixed incomes and that we are constantly faced by an increase in monthly expenses. Also it is widely known that thirty five to forty five percent leave for four to twelve weeks in the summer months. But the charges just keep on going, and it doesn't matter that people are not here to create wastewater.

It is hard to believe that the cost of wastewater is as high as it is right now. Being a bit familiar with the process of wastewater treatment plants and that the plants are virtually automated, that waste lines are rarely replaced and the maintenance is minimal, it is hard to believe that an increase is justifiable. Correct me if I'm wrong. It seems if one were to look into this, they would question the existing rates. Perhaps American would like us to subsidize the developments where sewer lines are going to be needed for all of the new homes, commercial and industrial bldgs. that that are being built.

Sincerely; Donald H. Murphy, Sun City West resident, of fourteen years and retired General Contractor.
Please respond to; samdonmurf@msn.com

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