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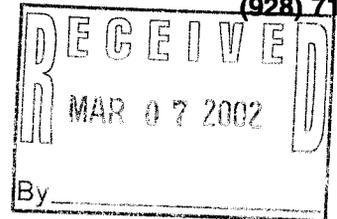
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Tuesday, March 5, 2002

James M. Irvin, Commissioner
Arizona Corporation Commission
1200 W. Washington Street
Phoenix, AZ 85007

Dear Commissioner Irvin:

Thank you for taking the time to speak with me after the ACC meeting in Lake Havasu City. As you know, there were many people who could not be in attendance. Many hundreds of those people submitted brief letters to the ACC, in opposition of Citizens Electric imposing their rate adjustment increase upon its customers.

On behalf of those people and as Chairman of the Legislative Committee for the Lake Havasu Area Chamber of Commerce, I presented the Commission with those letters. Since that time, more letters have been received from realtors and others within the community.

Please add the enclosed letters to the records that were left in your hands. Our Chamber office has retained a copy of all letters submitted to the Commission. The Commission's time and effort are very much appreciated by Lake Havasu City. Again, thank you.

Sincerely,

Carl Flusché A.B.R., R.C.C.M.

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March 1, 2002

Arizona Corporate Commission
Public Hearing held at
Lake Havasu City AZ.

Dear Commissioners,

Arizona Pure Ice is a small local business here in Lake Havasu City. We are in a very competitive market providing ice products for our community and it's tourism industry.

A electrical increase of 32.5% would be devastating to my small company in that we are so energy intensive in the manufacture of our ice products. Any increase in electrical costs of this magnitude can not be passed on to our customers. Our small business would be forced to absorb the full impact of this proposed electrical cost increase. The end result could be that we may be forced to discontinue our manufacturing operation.

A large utility company such as Citizens Electric needs to better understand the impact of their rate increase request. Rather than pass on 100% of their \$99 million business downturn, they need to find ways of absorbing that loss over time and working their way out of that unfortunate situation. Citizens Utility needs to feel some of the pain for their operations decisions themselves rather than simply passing their cost problem onto its consumers.

A 32.5% increase in rates extended over a seven year period will most likely extend beyond that seven year limit. Seldom, if ever, are rate increases reduced at the end of a specified period of time. New costs always seem to somehow absorb any intended price rollback. Lower utility costs are part of the engine that drives our Arizona economy. They need to stay at a reasonable level to keep our State and local economies competitive and growing.

Respectfully submitted,



Leon Dance
Owner

Docket Control
Arizona Corporation Commission
1200 West Washington Street
Phoenix, Arizona 85007

RE: Docket #E-01032C-00-0751

Dear Commission Members,

I, A. James Riggs, am extremely concerned about the Citizen Electric proposal to increase our electric costs by 31% or more to recover their losses. The amount proposed is most objectionable.

I strongly urge you to deny this rate increase.

Sincerely,

A. James Riggs
Signed

Business

2656 Glenary Dr.

Address

Lake Havasu City, Az. 86404
City, State, Zip

Docket Control
Arizona Corporation Commission
1200 West Washington Street
Phoenix, Arizona 85007

RE: Docket #E-01032C-00-0751

Dear Commission Members,

I, Evelyn Riggs, am extremely concerned about the Citizen Electric proposal to increase our electric costs by 31% or more to recover their losses. The amount proposed is most objectionable.

I strongly urge you to deny this rate increase.

Sincerely,

Evelyn Riggs

Signed

Business

2656 Glengarry Drive

Address

Lake Havasu City Az 86404

City, State, Zip

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Arizona Corporation Commission
1200 West Washington Street
Phoenix, Arizona 85007

RE: Docket #E-01032C-00-0751

Dear Commission Members,

I, Crystal M. Hunt, am extremely concerned about the Citizen Electric proposal to increase our electric costs by 31% or more to recover their losses. ~~The amount proposed is most objectionable.~~

I strongly urge you to deny this rate increase.

Sincerely,

Crystal M. Hunt

Signed

State Farm Ins

Business

1305 N. Lake Havasu Ave #B

Address

Lake Havasu City, AZ 86404

City, State, Zip

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Arizona Corporation Commission
1200 West Washington Street
Phoenix, Arizona 85007

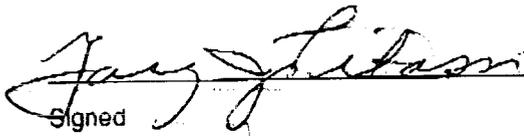
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Dear Commission Members,

I, GARY PITASSI, am extremely concerned about the
Citizen Electric proposal to increase our electric costs by 31% or more to recover
their losses. The amount proposed is most objectionable.

I strongly urge you to deny this rate increase.

Sincerely,


Signed _____

Business
2449 ANGLER DRIVE

Address
LAKE HAVASU CITY, AZ 86404

City, State, Zip

Docket Control
Arizona Corporation Commission
1200 West Washington Street
Phoenix, Arizona 85007

RE: Docket #E-01032C-00-0751

Dear Commission Members,

I, Natly Litasse, am extremely concerned about the
Citizen Electric proposal to increase our electric costs by 31% or more to recover
their losses. The amount proposed is most objectionable.

I strongly urge you to deny this rate increase.

Sincerely,

Natly Litasse
Signed

Business

2449 Angler Dr

Address

Lake Havasu City AZ 86404

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Arizona Corporation Commission
1200 West Washington Street
Phoenix, Arizona 85007

RE: Docket #E-01032C-00-0751

Dear Commission Members,

I, JAMES WHITE, am extremely concerned about the
Citizen Electric proposal to increase our electric costs by 31% or more to recover
their losses. The amount proposed is most objectionable.

I strongly urge you to deny this rate increase.

Sincerely,

James White
Signed

Business

3041 Bentley Ct.

Address

Lake Havasu City, Az 86404
City, State, Zip

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Arizona Corporation Commission
1200 West Washington Street
Phoenix, Arizona 85007

RE: Docket #E-01032C-00-0751

Dear Commission Members,

I, DEBORAH J. MILLER, am extremely concerned about the Citizen Electric proposal to increase our electric costs by 31% or more to recover their losses. The amount proposed is most objectionable.

I strongly urge you to deny this rate increase.

Sincerely,

Deborah J Miller

Signed STATE FARM INSURANCE CO.

Business 1600 MC COLLOCH BLVD

Address LHC AZ 86404

City, State, Zip

Docket Control
Arizona Corporation Commission
1200 West Washington Street
Phoenix, Arizona 85007

RE: Docket #E-01032C-00-0751

Dear Commission Members,

I, Harry A Caserman Jr, am extremely concerned about the Citizen Electric proposal to increase our electric costs by 31% or more to recover their losses. The amount proposed is most objectionable.

I strongly urge you to deny this rate increase.

Sincerely,

Harry A Caserman Jr

Signed

SPARKLETT'S

Business

P.O. Box 1370

Address

hwc AZ 86405

City, State, Zip

Docket Control
Arizona Corporation Commission
1200 West Washington Street
Phoenix, Arizona 85007

RE: Docket #E-01032C-00-0751

Dear Commission Members,

I, Scott Richards, am extremely concerned about the
Citizen Electric proposal to increase our electric costs by 31% or more to recover
their losses. The amount proposed is most objectionable.

I strongly urge you to deny this rate increase.

Sincerely,

Scott Richards

Signed

Business

1305 B N. Lake Mead Ave.

Address

LHC AZ 86404

City, State, Zip

Docket Control
Arizona Corporation Commission
1200 West Washington Street
Phoenix, Arizona 85007

RE: Docket #E-01032C-00-0751

Dear Commission Members,

I, G. SHARMA, am extremely concerned about the
Citizen Electric proposal to increase our electric costs by 31% or more to recover
their losses. The amount proposed is most objectionable.

I strongly urge you to deny this rate increase.

Sincerely,



Signed

DESERT RESORT PROPERTIES, INC

Business

91 LONDON BRIDGE RD #108

Address

Lake Havasu, AZ 86403

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Phoenix, Arizona 85007

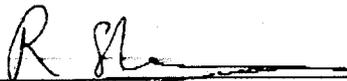
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Dear Commission Members,

I, ROBYAT SWARMA, am extremely concerned about the
Citizen Electric proposal to increase our electric costs by 31% or more to recover
their losses. The amount proposed is most objectionable.

I strongly urge you to deny this rate increase.

Sincerely,



Signed

Business

2532 SUNCHIFF LN

Address

LAKE HAVASU, AZ 86403

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Phoenix, Arizona 85007

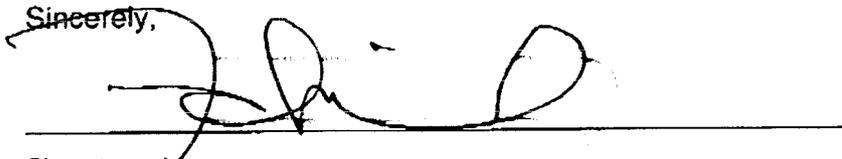
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Dear Commission Members,

I, Fred Miller, am extremely concerned about the
Citizen Electric proposal to increase our electric costs by 31% or more to recover
their losses. The amount proposed is most objectionable.

I strongly urge you to deny this rate increase.

Sincerely,



Signed

Business

2985 MAVERICK DR

Address

LHC AZ 86409

City, State, Zip

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Arizona Corporation Commission
1200 West Washington Street
Phoenix, Arizona 85007

RE: Docket #E-01032C-00-0751

Dear Commission Members,

I, Karen Cooke, am extremely concerned about the
Citizen Electric proposal to increase our electric costs by 31% or more to recover
their losses. The amount proposed is most objectionable.

I strongly urge you to deny this rate increase.

Sincerely,

Karen Cooke

Signed Sun Meadow Sales Co

Business 1724 S. Mc Culloch Blvd

Address Lake Havasu City, Az 86406

City, State, Zip

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Arizona Corporation Commission
1200 West Washington Street
Phoenix, Arizona 85007

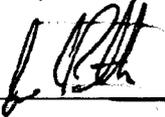
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Dear Commission Members,

I, Clay Parole, am extremely concerned about the
Citizen Electric proposal to increase our electric costs by 31% or more to recover
their losses. The amount proposed is most objectionable.

I strongly urge you to deny this rate increase.

Sincerely,



Signed

Clay Parole

Business

Address

City, State, Zip

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Arizona Corporation Commission
1200 West Washington Street
Phoenix, Arizona 85007

RE: Docket WE-01032C-00-0751

Dear Commission Members,

I, Janet McGovern, am extremely concerned about the
Citizen Electric proposal to increase our electric costs by 31% or more to recover
their losses. The amount proposed is most objectionable.

I strongly urge you to deny this rate increase.

Sincerely,

Janet McGovern

Signed

Continental Land & Development

Business

3317 North Hwy. 95

Address

Lake Havasu City, AZ 86404

City, State, Zip

Docket Control
Arizona Corporation Commission
1200 West Washington Street
Phoenix, Arizona 85007

RE: Docket #E-01032C-00-0751

Dear Commission Members,

I, Dan Schaller, am extremely concerned about the
Citizen Electric proposal to increase our electric costs by 31% or more to recover
their losses. The amount proposed is most objectionable.

I strongly urge you to deny this rate increase.

Sincerely,

Dan Schaller

Signed

Continental Land & Investment

Business

3317 N. Hwy 95

Address

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Phoenix, Arizona 85007

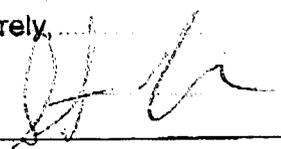
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Dear Commission Members,

I, STEVE USCO, am extremely concerned about the
Citizen Electric proposal to increase our electric costs by 31% or more to recover
their losses. The amount proposed is most objectionable.

I strongly urge you to deny this rate increase.

Sincerely,



Signed

USCO ELECTRIC

Business

P.O. BOX 1826

Address

CHC AZ 86404

City, State, Zip

Docket Control
Arizona Corporation Commission
1200 West Washington Street
Phoenix, Arizona 85007

RE: Docket #E-01032C-00-0751

Dear Commission Members,

I, June C. Phelps, am extremely concerned about the
Citizen Electric proposal to increase our electric costs by 31% or more to recover
their losses. The amount proposed is most objectionable.

I strongly urge you to deny this rate increase.

Sincerely,

June C. Phelps

Signed June Meadow Homes

Business 2184 McCulloch

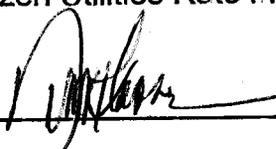
Address LHC, AZ 86403

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To: Arizona Corporation Commission
Docket Control
1200 W. Washington
Phoenix, AZ. 85007
Docket Number E-01(320-00-0751

RE: Citizen Utilities Rate Increase

I,  a citizen of Lake Havasu City,

Mohave County, Arizona would like this Commission to know that I oppose
any rate adjustments or rate increase that are currently being applied for by
Citizen Utilities Company, and I believe that this is a Shareholder's issue and
not a ratepayer issue.

Vote No On Rate Increase

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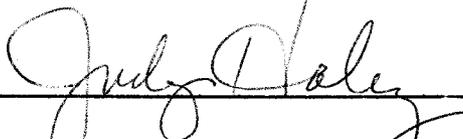
I, Chanda Haydak a citizen of Lake Havasu City,
Mohave County, Arizona would like this Commission to know that I oppose
any rate adjustments or rate increase that are currently being applied for by
Citizen Utilities Company, and I believe that this is a Shareholder's issue and
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I, Jan Wilson a citizen of Lake Havasu City,
Mohave County, Arizona would like this Commission to know that I oppose
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Citizen Utilities Company, and I believe that this is a Shareholder's issue and
not a ratepayer issue.

Vote No On Rate Increase

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Phoenix, AZ 85007
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I, *Sally Marciano*, a citizen of Lake Havasu City,
Mohave

County, Arizona, would like this Commission to know that I oppose any rate
adjustments or

rate increase that are crrently being applied for by Citizen Utilities
Company, and I believe that

this is a Shareholder's issue and not a ratepayer issue.

VOTE NO ON RATE

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I, Patricia Landry a citizen of Lake Havasu City,
Mohave

County, Arizona, would like this Commission to know that I oppose any rate
adjustments or

rate increase that are currently being applied for by Citizen Utilities
Company, and I believe that

this is a Shareholder's issue and not a ratepayer issue.

VOTE NO ON RATE

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I, Sandy Brock, a citizen of Lake Havasu City,
Mohave

County, Arizona, would like this Commission to know that I oppose any rate
adjustments or

rate increase that are currently being applied for by Citizen Utilities
Company, and I believe that

this is a Shareholder's issue and not a ratepayer issue.

VOTE NO ON RATE

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I, Amy Heavener, a citizen of Lake Havasu City,
Mohave

County, Arizona, would like this Commission to know that I oppose any rate
adjustments or

rate increase that are currenly being applied for by Citizen Utilities
Company, and I believe that

this is a Shareholder's issue and not a ratepayer issue.

VOTE NO ON RATE

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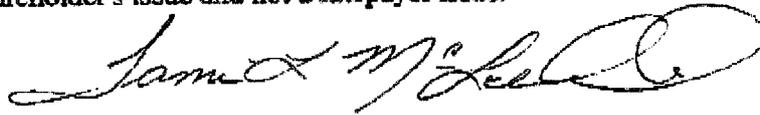
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I, Tami McLaughlin, a citizen of Lake Havasu City,
Mohave

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adjustments or

rate increase that are currently being applied for by Citizen Utilities
Company, and I believe that

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VOTE NO ON RATE

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I, Nancy R. Reed, a citizen of Lake Havasu City,
Mohave

County, Arizona, would like this Commission to know that I oppose any rate
adjustments or

rate increase that are crrently being applied for by Citizen Utilities
Company, and I believe that

this is a Shareholder's issue and not a ratepayer issue.

VOTE NO ON RATE

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I, Mel Reed, a citizen of Lake Havasu City,
Mohave

County, Arizona, would like this Commission to know that I oppose any rate
adjustments or

rate increase that are cresently being applied for by Citizen Utilities
Company, and I believe that

this is a Shareholder's issue and not a ratepayer issue.



VOTE NO ON RATE

INCREASE

2/27/2002



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RE: Citizen Utilities Rate Increase

I, Michelle Lane a citizen of Lake Havasu City,
Mohave County, Arizona would like this Commission to know that I oppose
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Citizen Utilities Company, and I believe that this is a Shareholder's issue and
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Vote No On Rate Increase

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I, Spidee S. Doyle a citizen of Lake Havasu City,
Mohave County, Arizona would like this Commission to know that I oppose
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I, Holly Shires a citizen of Lake Havasu City,

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RE: Citizen Utilities Rate Increase

I, Lisa Tobin *Lisa Tobin* a citizen of Lake Havasu City,

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RE: Citizen Utilities Rate Increase

I, LINDA MARIE NOTTINGHAM a citizen of Lake Havasu City,
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any rate adjustments or rate increase that are currently being applied for by
Citizen Utilities Company, and I believe that this is a Shareholder's issue and
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I, Shaker M. Williams a citizen of Lake Havasu City,
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I, Judy L. Thuneman a citizen of Lake Havasu City,

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I, Stacia Kocher a citizen of Lake Havasu City,

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I, Richard G. Cellio a citizen of Lake Havasu City,
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I, Rebecca Montiel a citizen of Lake Havasu City,

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I, Indeyl Wildgen a citizen of Lake Havasu City,
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I, Melanie Teja a citizen of Lake Havasu City,
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any rate adjustments or rate increase that are currently being applied for by
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Vote No On Rate Increase

COPY

TODAY'S NEWS-HERALD

This is an example of the numerous letters we have received from concerned consumers in this case. The compilation of these documents is available for your review in the docket control office. Please refer to #E-01032C-00-0751.

Tuesday, January 15, 2002

Lake Havasu City, Arizona — 50 CEN

Citizens continues the fight for rate increase

EMC considers whether to battle the proposed utility hike

By BRIAN WEDEMEYER
Daily News-Herald

As Lake Havasu City considers whether or not to join the fight against a proposed rate increase by Citizens Arizona Electric, one company executive doubts if more ratepayers will provide any new ratepayers.

Citizens Arizona Electric has applied with the Arizona Corporation Commission to recover more than \$96 million in wholesale charges dating back to May 2000. Approval by the commission would result in a 32.5 percent rate increase in Lake Havasu City - or roughly \$25 per month per single-family home.

Meanwhile, Mohave County has committed \$35,000 for a private attorney to intervene in the case. Last week, the Lake Havasu Area Chamber of Commerce's legislative committee agreed to launch a public awareness campaign and help raise funds to assist the county's efforts.

The City Council also will consider making a financial contribution during tonight's work session.

"We need a top notch, specialized attorney who deals with the utility companies on a regular basis," said Carl Glusche, legislative committee chairman. "He has the resources needed to do the research and combat this kind of

However, Carl Dabelstein, vice president of regulatory affairs for Citizens, said he has received numerous requests for data from various entities. He said many of the data requests are duplicated.

"Certainly, Mohave County has every right to do so," Dabelstein said. "How effective the use of that money will be, I don't know."

Arizona Public Service reportedly sold wholesale power to Citizens for an average of 11 cents per kilowatt hour from May 2000 to May 2001. During that time, Citizens could charge customers no more than 5.2 cents on the power

reported an unrecovered balance of \$52 million, which has since climbed to more than \$96 million.

Citizens has proposed to recover that amount over a seven-year period. A more traditional recovery period of six to 12 months could have resulted in a rate increase of more than 90 percent, Dabelstein said.

"What seems to be confusing a lot of people is that what we have on the table now involves no profit for Citizens," Dabelstein said. "We don't derive any profit from this part of a customer's bill."

Don Van Brunt, former executive director of the Mohave County Economic Development Authority, told the legislative committee that APS has offered to purchase Citizens' electric division if the commission approves the application.

"APS said if you get that kind of increase, we'll buy you out," Van Brunt said.

Dabelstein confirmed that the electric division remains on the sale block, but would not identify any potential buyers for confidentiality reasons.

Citizens dropped its dispute with APS over the accuracy of the wholesale charges when the two sides agreed to the new seven-year power supply contract, Dabelstein said.

"With all things considered, it was part of the give and take of negotiating a new contract," Dabelstein said. "... It would have been very costly and very time-consuming.

Citizens has offered to establish a new Electricity Assistance Fund to assist low-income customers. The company would provide \$100,000 in seed money to get started and has agreed to a dollar-for-dollar match for any contributions to the fund.

Lake Havasu City government's annual electric costs would increase from about \$1.8 million to \$2.3 million if the rate increase is approved, according to staff. The council work session begins at 7

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Regards

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Dear Sir:
I'm writing you about
the rise of the Electric and
Gas Rates. Most of the
older people can't pay
off utilities and also for
medication and food too!
Please consider what it will
do to them when you
raise these rates!

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RE: Citizen Utilities Rate Increase

I, Linda S. Bell a citizen of Lake Havasu City,

Mohave County, Arizona would like this Commission to know that I oppose any rate adjustments or rate increase that are currently being applied for by Citizen Utilities Company, and I believe that this is a Shareholder's issue and not a ratepayer issue.

Vote No On Rate Increase

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RE: Docket #E-01032C-00-0751

Dear Commission Members,

I, Alberta Tolley, am extremely concerned about the
Citizen Electric proposal to increase our electric costs by 31% or more to recover
their losses. The amount proposed is most objectionable.

I strongly urge you to deny this rate increase.

Sincerely,

Alberta Tolley
Signed

Business Retired - fixed income

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