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Arizona Corporation Commission
Water Utilities Division
1200 W. Washington Street
Phoenix, AZ 85007

To: Commissioners

Reference: Docket No. W-01865A-07-0384 and W-01865A-07-0385

I am not sure what more I can say as I have attended and spoke at the hearings and written letters in support of the rate increase proposed by ACC staff. My wife and I built a cabin up in Groom Creek in 2001, and last November, I was elected to the Board of the Groom Creek Water Users Association. As a member of the board, I have learned a great deal about our water system and how critical it is that we replace the lines and upgrade our system.

Unfortunately, I don't think the system can be replaced in phases because of the age and deterioration of the pipes. In order to replace the system all at once, there must be a way to repay the loan. According to our treasurer and the ACC staff, we would need the \$50 base rate to be able to meet our loan obligation.

Without replacing the water lines as soon as possible, we are faced with having to make costly repairs to an aging water line that the GCWUA cannot afford. Although it may be a hardship to pay the new rates, we want to protect our investment in Groom Creek. Without an adequate water system, our property could be worth very little. Therefore, we support the \$50 base rate.

Sincerely,

Ernie R. Serrano, Jr.

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