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Honorable ACC Commission Chairman Mike Gleason,

My name is Paul E. Christian address is 5550 Club House Drive, Fort Mohave, AZ. 86426 my phone# is 928-768-6367. I respectfully request your assistance in denying Arizona American Water Company latest request for yet another wastewater rate increase from \$49.65 to \$89.10 per month.

I live in an area where my water is supplied by Bermuda Water Company, who charge for the amount of water I use which is \$24.30 monthly average and that includes my irrigation and water fountain. Wastewater service is provided by Arizona American Water Company who charges a flat rate fee with no regard as to wastewater usage. I am away from my home during the hottest 3 months of the year and generate no wastewater, therefore no wastewater service is performed, but because I continue my water service, according to Arizona American Water customer service I can't stop wastewater service and I get billed every month, currently \$49.65 and they are asking for another increase to \$89.10, that's 79%. I think the current flat rate system of billing is wrong! We should only have to pay for the amount of service used, just like with electric, gas, water, phone etc. Wastewater fees should be based on the amount of wastewater service used. Every household is different. I admit, Short of placing a meter on the wastewater line I don't know how that could work. Maybe a fair formula could be devised based on a percentage of water usage.

They mention in the letter I received, that \$4.5 million dollars was spent on the Mohave wastewater district. Primarily expanding the Wishing Well treatment plant. That plant is about a mile from my house and I pass by there twice everyday. I question when and what work was performed, as I did not see any work in that area. Maybe some oversight by your Commission is warranted. I'm sure you are aware what has happened to our economy caused by Corporate America greed and lack of sufficient regulatory oversight. I'm beginning to believe that maybe the same thing is happening throughout the utilities sector. I request that you check and physically verify that this project they mention was in fact done and that \$4.5 million dollars was in fact spent. Please don't use the excuse, "we don't have sufficient personnel to check these things". Your agency is the only protection Arizona consumers have to protect us from greed and corruption, please protect us. I ask you, what would be your reaction if your sewer bill increased from \$39.00 to \$89.10 a month during a two-year period?

Very Respectfully,

Paul E. Christian
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