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Dear Michael,

It has come to my attention that the Arizona Water Company is asking for a rate increase. What ever their reasoning, this is not the time to increase water rates. Water is a basic human right whether you agree with this or not. The country is in a traumatic condition and, most probable, an economic recession (perhaps even depression).

Arizona Water should cut cost before asking for a rate increase. With a large percentage of the country losing homes and cars, it seems out of this world a company is asking for a rate increase.

This company cuts people off very quickly if they don't pay their bills. The number of people I run into on a daily basis who has had this done lately is going through the roof.

What is Arizona Water doing to be a positive force in preventing this from becoming a growing problem?

The anger in the state is at an all time have. There is a feeling the Commission approves every rate increase that is asked for. People are hurting. Please quit if you can't do the job. We need creative answers and just rubber stamping these increases is not the answer. Real leaders appear in these times of extreme difficulty and bureaucrats' will be removed.

The people need help.

Sincerely  
Patrick Keehn

PS Perhaps if households can keep water usage below 600 gallons their rater is \$19. The gallon figure is arbitrary but the idea is sound. Save water and help people cut back on their water usage. We need new ideas not same old water increase taxes.

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