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Re: Proposed Public Comment Sessions in the Arizona-American Water Company's Rate Case; Docket Nos. W-01303A-08-0227, SW-01303A-08-0227.

Dear Colleagues:

I write to concur with Commissioner Stump that the Commission should hold public comment meetings prior to a decision in the Arizona-American Water Company ("Arizona-American") Rate Case, a far-reaching Application that would impact communities across Arizona. The Commission has conducted such public comment sessions in numerous other rate cases. In this case, the Company has requested a significant increase, which has led to a large number of complaints or letters of concern or opposition. Additionally, recent news accounts suggest that at least one informational meeting, hosted by Arizona-American in Sun City West¹, left residents there feeling as though they were not given a full opportunity to receive information and express their concerns with respect to the Company's proposed rate increase.

In order to provide the maximum possible opportunity for comment, I propose that public comment sessions be held by the Commission in advance of the rate case hearing presently scheduled for March 19, 2009. Additionally, I would propose that public comment sessions be held in the following locations: Bullhead City, Sun City West, Casa Grande and Tubac. My hope is that these sessions will provide an informational forum for customers to express their concerns to the full Commission and assist us in our deliberations on this matter.

I look forward to discussing these proposed Commission public comment sessions at an upcoming Staff Meeting.

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¹ "Water meeting turns ugly", Daily News-Sun, November 21, 2008

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Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Kris Mayes", written in a cursive style.

Kris Mayes
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