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**ARIZONA CORPORATION COMMISSION**

February 23, 2009

To: Docket Control

**ORIGINAL**

RE: Far West Water & Sewer, Inc. - Customer Comments  
Docket No. WS-03478A-08-0454

Please docket the attached 94 customer comments OPPOSING the above filed rate case.

Customer comments can be reviewed in E-docket under the above docket number.

Filed by: Utilities Division – Consumer Services

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UTILITY COMPLAINT FORM

Investigator: Trish Meeter

Phone: [REDACTED]

Fax: [REDACTED]

Priority: Respond Within Five Days

Opinion No. 2009 76820

Date: 2/23/2009

Complaint Description: 08A Rate Case Items - Opposed  
N/A Not Applicable

Complaint By: First: Robert Last: Hitachk

Account Name: Robert Hitachk

Home: [REDACTED]

Street: [REDACTED]

Work:

City: Yuma

CBR:

State: AZ Zip: 85367

is:

Utility Company: Far West Water & Sewer, Inc.

Division: Water

Contact Name: [REDACTED]

Contact Phone: [REDACTED]

Nature of Complaint:

2/20 DOCKET NO. WS-03478A-08-0454

Called is opposed to any increase for the company's application.  
\*End of Complaint\*

Utilities' Response:

Investigator's Comments and Disposition:

2/20  
Advised caller his comments would be docketed.  
\*End of Comments\*

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Opinion No. 2009 76817

Date: 2/23/2009

Complaint Description: 08A Rate Case Items - Opposed  
N/A Not Applicable

Complaint By: First: Minda Last: Federmeyer

Account Name: Minda Federmeyer

Home: [REDACTED]

Street: [REDACTED]

Work:

City: Yuma

CBR:

State: AZ Zip: 85367

is:

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Division: Water

Contact Name: [REDACTED]

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Minda is opposed to the 214.8% increase in rates. She states it is too much and the community will be hit hard. She lives in a condo that is already assessed fees and feels they should not have a sewer assessment. She believes an assessment would be more appropriate if needed because it would be a one time fee versus a permanent fee. She feels the company is poorly managed and customer should not have to pay for a \$million lawsuit payout.

\*End of Complaint\*

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Advised caller the comments would be made a part of the case.

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**Investigator:** Deb Reagan

**Phone:** [REDACTED]

**Fax:** [REDACTED]

**Priority:** Respond Within Five Days

**Opinion No. 2009 76844**

**Date:** 2/23/2009

**Complaint Description:** 08A Rate Case Items - Opposed  
N/A Not Applicable

**Complaint By:** **First:** Joyce **Last:** Andrae

**Account Name:** Joyce Andrae

**Home:** [REDACTED]

**Street:** n/a

**Work:**

**City:** Yuma

**CBR:**

**State:** AZ **Zip:** 85365

**is:**

**Utility Company:** Far West Water & Sewer, Inc.

**Division:** Water

**Contact Name:** Roxanne Fiddes

**Contact Phone:** [REDACTED]

**Nature of Complaint:**

Customer left a v/m message that she is outraged by the amount of the increase requested and that she is opposed to the increase.

\*End of Complaint\*

**Utilities' Response:**

**Investigator's Comments and Disposition:**

Customer comments filed with Docket Control.

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**Date Completed:** 2/23/2009

**Opinion No. 2009 - 76844**

To: Arizona Corporation Commission  
Consumer Service Section  
1200 West Washington St.  
Phoenix, AZ 85007

Re: WS-03478A-08-0454 (sewer rate increase)  
Far West Water & Sewer

From: Walter Friesen  
11322 So. Ave. 12-E #90  
Yuma, AZ 85367  
Phone: (928) 345-1742

I wish to heartily object to the proposed rate increase as suggested by Far West Water & Sewer. I believe that it is uncalled for -- increasing the rates when our economy is in the doldrums and we as senior citizens get no increase in social security benefits. The proposed increase is too much --- especially at this time. There must be other ways to increase your revenue (such as cutting your overhead) and operate more efficiently.

Please consider this my NO vote on the proposed rate increase by Far West Water & Sewer.

*Walter Friesen*

2-24-09

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YOUR NAME → Kenneth Magstadt	DATE 2-18-09
ADDRESS, CITY, STATE AND ZIP → 12550 E 46 <sup>th</sup> Dr Yuma Az 85367	YOUR PHONE NUMBER → <del>(928) 305-6758</del> (928) 305-6758
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ADDRESS, CITY, STATE AND ZIP → 13302 E 54th Dr.	YOUR PHONE NUMBER 928-516-8145 ← OK
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928-373-5325

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YOUR NAME <i>Merle &amp; Carol Hoagland</i>	DATE <i>02-19-09</i>
ADDRESS, CITY, STATE AND ZIP <i>11322 S. Ave 12E #204, Yuma, Az. 85367</i>	YOUR PHONE NUMBER <i>—</i>
DOCKET YOU WISH TO COMMENT ON: <i>sewer rate increase</i>	DOCKET NUMBER <i>WS-03478A-08-0454</i>
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*We believe this request is unreasonable in the amount requested. Other utilities are requesting increases of 5% or less. Far west has been negligent in bookkeeping as many have notified them they were starting service and never received a bill for over a year. Some notified them several times, still no bill. If they got their act together they probably would not need an increase. Many people in the foothills are retired and on fixed incomes.*

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ADDRESS, CITY, STATE AND ZIP <b>12583 E 45<sup>th</sup> ST YUMA, AZ 85367</b>	YOUR PHONE NUMBER <b>345-2170</b>
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ADDRESS, CITY, STATE AND ZIP <b>12731 E. 46<sup>th</sup> St. YUMA 85367</b>	YOUR PHONE NUMBER <b>(760) 490-3050</b>
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To: Arizona Corporation Commission

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**RE: Docket Number WS-03478A-08-0454**

**Proposed rate increase for Far West Water & Sewer**

**Far West Water and Sewer, Yuma, Arizona**

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Far West Water and Sewer is trying to offset the costs incurred in their new development on 48<sup>th</sup> Street with our dollars. Their lack of sales and poor investments are not our responsibility. It is common knowledge that Far West Water and Sewer and H&S Development have been investing their revenues in future developments instead of maintaining the system that is currently in place. If attention had been given to proper maintenance of the system the Company would not now be requesting this unrealistic cost increase. Other cities in Arizona, when requesting an increase have ranged from 5% to 9% certainly not 200%.

In the present day and age with the economy such as it is we the customers cannot afford this enormous, unrealistic increase. We ask that you seriously consider our concerns and VOTE UNANIMOUSLY again such a ridiculous scheme.

Thank you in advance for your consideration to a very serious problem.

*William J. Stages*

NAME

*Christie A. Stages*

NAME

*3683 So. Selinda Del Sol Ave*

ADDRESS

*Yuma, AZ 85365*

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ADDRESS, CITY, STATE AND ZIP 13205 E 53rd Lane	YOUR PHONE NUMBER (509) 680-2245
DOCKET YOU WISH TO COMMENT ON: Rate Application	DOCKET NUMBER WS-03478A-08-0454
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In response to the the request for the excessive rate increases over a 3 yr period and also the "EMERGENCY" rate increase.  
How do other cities of the same size compare to the unfair rate increases being requested?

My friend in Phonenix pays \$13.31 for a month sewer fees which is based on water usage, which sounds more feasible, to pay according to the water used.

The funds received from these rate increases will, no doubt, be mismanaged and they will be back for another bailout. This utility should go bankrupt and be sold to a Public Utility. Privately managed is not good where the consumer can be gouged, and the utulity does not have to account for the way they spent the money.

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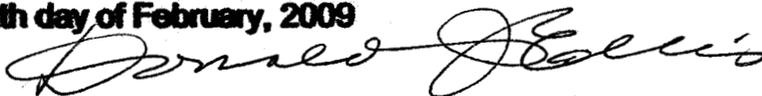
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*Armond Constantini Owner*

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ADDRESS, CITY, STATE AND ZIP <i>9581 W Foothill Rd - No. Platte, NE</i>	YOUR PHONE NUMBER <i>308-520-1736</i>
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ADDRESS, CITY, STATE AND ZIP <i>14292 E 50th St Yuma *</i>	YOUR PHONE NUMBER <i>928 342 9426</i>
DOCKET YOU WISH TO COMMENT ON: <i>WS 034784 08-0454</i>	DOCKET NUMBER
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*With The Economy Down The drain who are the idiots that would even consider this at this time. Gradually increasing the rate at reasonable times would not hurt so many people. Not everyone in this area pays a sewer fee but will eventually. meanwhile those of us that do will be hurt. PROPERTY values will also be affected.*

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YOUR E-MAIL ADDRESS <b>schnetzky@edni.com</b>	

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February 18, 2009

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Thank you in advance for your consideration to a very serious problem.

*Donald B Graves*

NAME

*Patricia S. Graves*

NAME

*9573 E 33rd Street*

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*Yuma, Az 85365*

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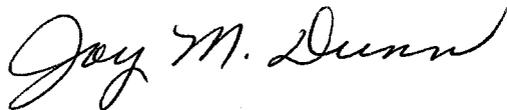
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Thank you for your time.

Sincerely,

  
Eugene R. Neff  
11639 Prescott Ave.  
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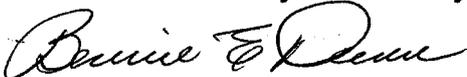
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February 18, 2009

To: Arizona Corporation Commission

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We strongly feel that this increase is also being requested as a direct result of negligence on the part of Far West Water and Sewer Co. It certainly appears that they were negligent in their planning to prevent numerous ADEQ violations.

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In the present day and age with the economy such as it is we the customers cannot afford this enormous, unrealistic increase. We ask that you seriously consider our concerns and VOTE UNANIMOUSLY again such a ridiculous scheme.

Thank you in advance for your consideration to a very serious problem.

Gerald Hunt

NAME

GERALD HUNT

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9731 E. 34 LN.

ADDRESS

YUMA AZ. 85365

CITY, STATE AND ZIP

February 20, 2009

Arizona Corporation Commission  
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1200 W. Washington St.  
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Re:

Permanent Docket No.: WS-03478A-08-0454

To Whom It May Concern:

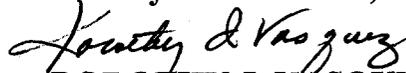
I am writing to protest the above docket numbers relative to Far West Water and Sewer Company's request for sewer increases in the Foothills of Yuma, AZ.

I find it absolutely absurd that their errors become our price for sewer service which we paid when we bought our lot and which we have been paying for years.

We are senior citizens on fixed income, which income has decreased significantly due to the current financial economy. We purchased two lots, side by side. One to live in and one to rent to supplement our fixed income. Apparently the Schechert family has no concept of how their proposed increase in sewer will affect several thousand land owners. My two tenants who are also senior citizens on fixed incomes have already advised me that they cannot afford any rent increase. We have been absorbing the increases in electricity, insurance, Rural Metro, etc. to avoid losing good tenants who have been with us 3 years for approximately 4 to 6 months of the year and then return to Washington State. My husband and I certainly are not alone in this protest. We also would have to pay the proposed increase on the lot where we live in our manufactured home which would only increase the burden placed on us if increase is approved.

If a petition is circulated, please advise where we can sign it and assist our neighbors in signing same.

Thank you in advance,

  
DOROTHY J. VASQUEZ

dottieV@prodigy.net

14585 E. 52<sup>nd</sup> St., Yuma, AZ 85367

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<b>ADDRESS, CITY, STATE AND ZIP</b> 14350 E 51 <sup>ST</sup> STREET Yuma, AZ 85367	<b>YOUR PHONE NUMBER</b> 928-345-9090
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I hereby strongly protest both the proposed emergency rate increase (0608) and the proposed long term rate increase (0454) requested by Far West Water and Sewer (FW).

1. The rates of the proposed increase ( 101% and up to 214%) are outrageous and totally out of line with the current economy and cost of living allowances in most resident's incomes. We received about a 5% increase in social security and retirement income this year amounting to a total of less than \$100/month. FW proposals alone would take over 50% of our cost of living increase. What does that leave us to pay all of the other increasing cost and taxes? If FW had planned and managed their business in an appropriate way, their rate increases should be in line with their customer's COLA's and income levels.

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My opinion is that it is just too much of any kind of an increase.

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CASE OR UTILITY NAME Far West Water and Sewer Yuma, AZ	YOUR POSITION ON THE DOCKET PRO <input type="radio"/> CON <input checked="" type="radio"/> OTHER <input type="radio"/>
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We are opposed to an increase by Far West Water and Sewer as is now proposed. A 200% and/or a 100% increase is ridiculous. Today's economy is in bad shape and only going to get worse. This increase is for a community made up of retired fixed income residents. The area has been over overbuilt for the water system in existence right now. A reasonable increase would be understandable. The hearings are being held when most of the homeowners in the area are not there. The developments need to be reassessed and the water/sewer system should be built to support the community. The homeowners in Yuma right now just received the latest notice and only had two days to comment. Homeowners who are not in Yuma have not even received the notice yet and by the time they get it the time will have passed to comment. This is just too high an increase and any increase should be reasonable.

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14275 E 49th Dr.  
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*I'll be 87 in two months. A widow for nine years. On low, limited income. Can't afford to pay the outrageous proposed increases for six months. Sin in Q*

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12514 E 47th ST

Yuma AZ 85367-4750

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Position on the Docket: Con

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Sincerely,

*Richard + Joyce McCrum*  
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ADDRESS, CITY, STATE AND ZIP <i>14774 E 50 DR. YUMA, AZ 85367</i>	YOUR PHONE NUMBER <i>928-342-9782</i>
DOCKET YOU WISH TO COMMENT ON: Proposed Rate increase for Far West Water & Sewer	DOCKET NUMBER WS-03478A-08-0454
CASE OR UTILITY NAME Far West Water and Sewer, Yuma, Arizona	YOUR POSITION ON THE DOCKET PRO <input type="radio"/> CON <input checked="" type="radio"/> OTHER <input type="radio"/>
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14275 E 49th Dr.  
Yuma AZ 85367

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YOUR E-MAIL ADDRESS <i>gramanain@aol.com</i>	<i>Lorraine Davis</i>

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YOUR E-MAIL ADDRESS <i>gaylonstell@juno.com</i>	<i>against</i>

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DOCKET YOU WISH TO COMMENT ON: Proposed Rate increase for Far West Water & Sewer	DOCKET NUMBER <b>WS-03478A-08-0454</b>
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Other cities sewer rates are NOT as high as Farwest! Tucson + Phoenix are under \$30.00 per month -

I can not afford this rate increase. Since my income has gone down this past year.

Please consider my concerns. Vote AGAINST or NAY to this application.

Thank You

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P.S.

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Just Received this letter.

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YOUR NAME Kathlyn & Clinton Pierce	DATE 2/19/09
ADDRESS, CITY, STATE AND ZIP 14670 E. 53rd Street Yuma, AZ 85367	PHONE (HOME) (928) 345-6754
NAME THAT APPEARS ON THE BILL Kathlyn Pierce	ALTERNATE PHONE (DAYTIME) (602) 448-3265
NAME OF THE UTILITY COMPANY Far West Water & Sewer, Inc.	ACCOUNT NUMBER WS-03478A-08-0454
E-MAIL ADDRESS teddyntiger@yahoo.com	CHECK HERE TO CONFIRM THAT YOU HAVE ALREADY CONTACTED THE UTILITY (SEE STEP 1) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>

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And Docket WS-03478A-08-0454

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I started to send this to you before the recent headlines and letters to the editor of Yuma Sun. We are even more outraged than before if that is possible! This is an apparent "plan" to ram their request(s) down their customers' throats; i.e., hiding this in an attempt to fool us! We wonder if their law firm is assisting in this.

Apparently Far West Water & Sewer is suffering from mismanagement of funds because they want emergency funding to pay for improvements and new construction that should be paid for by their own investments. Perhaps they should file for bankruptcy and reorganize and soon! If they push (sneak) this through by manipulating the State of Arizona, more homes will be put up for sale and fewer people will come to Yuma.

Our subdivision is made up of retired people on fixed incomes and young families with children. All of us are having to deal with the down turn in our economy. Far West Water & Sewer now bills us for the sewer for the six to seven months that most of the winter visitors are not here. We believe this was an arbitrary decision then.

Please do not allow Far West Water & Sewer one penny for their incompetence, mismanagement, and preying on their customers. Protect the citizens please!

Sincerely,



Kathleen Boren  
Theodore J. Boren  
10215 S. Spring Avenue  
Yuma, AZ 85365  
928-345-4495



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We hear also that RV park residents are finding their monthly rent is going to increase by \$200+ which one could assume is for the Far West people.

We recently read two letters to the Yuma Sun Editor expressing much more outrage. They are attached for your additional information.

It is our understanding that the City of Yuma is just a few blocks from here—including better service, better sewer, and better water. And quite frankly, we would rather be in the city!

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Maxine M. Reames  
PO Box 25364  
Yuma, AZ 85367-0364

928-305-0912

February 19, 2009

Arizona Corporation Commission  
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1200 W. Washington St.  
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Re:

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Position on the Docket: CON

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Sincerely,

John + Maxine Reames  
P.O. Box 25364  
Yuma, AZ 85367  
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ADDRESS, CITY, STATE AND ZIP <i>14452 E 55 LN YUMA AZ 85367</i>	YOUR PHONE NUMBER <i>928-345-3130</i>
DOCKET YOU WISH TO COMMENT ON: <i>Proposed Rate increase for Far West Water &amp; Sewer</i>	DOCKET NUMBER <i>WS-03478A-08-0454</i>
CASE OR UTILITY NAME <i>Far West Water and Sewer, Yuma Arizona</i>	YOUR POSITION ON THE DOCKET PRO <input type="radio"/> CON <input checked="" type="radio"/> OTHER <input type="radio"/>
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DOCKET YOU WISH TO COMMENT ON: <b>Far West request for emergency rate increase</b>	DOCKET NUMBER <b>WS-03478A-08-0608</b>
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I do not know what the reasoning is for the huge rate increases that are being requested, either the emergency one or the other long term increase that we have already sent our comments on. However it is my understanding that when an area is being developed, that the proper infrastructure for that development should be considered and included in the cost of the lots that are being sold or paid as impact fees. With that in mind, the customers should only be paying for the cost of continued use and treatment for their properties that are connected to the sewer. It would be my opinion that if monies are needed because of new developments, then again, those cost should be born in the development of those properties and not passed on to current users as increased fees. I can understand reasonable increases for the cost of maintenance and treatment and if that were the case would not object to them.

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However, this requested increase seems to be way out of proportion to the services rendered.

Three years ago Far West, without any notice, began charging year around sewer fees although most residents are only here and using the sewer service four or five months per year. In the ten years we have lived here we have turned off our water for the months we are gone and without running water we do not use the sewer services for about seven months each year. We were surprised to get a huge bill when we returned for the winter months and had our utilities turned back on. To overcome that problem we went to automatic bank payments, but when we came back this winter we were surprised to again receive our first bill that included the sewer fees for all the months we were gone. When we called Far West they said they couldn't collect the sewer fees for those months and so the huge bill again. It make me wonder if they could even bill for the months that we were not using the sewer service. That change effectively more than doubled our sewer charges per year. By the way, they also charge a \$25.00 reconnect fee each year.

We believe the emergency increase and the other long term increase that they are requesting is unreasonable. Most of the people who live in this area are retired and on fixed incomes. These increases would make a big impact on peoples ability to live here.

I would like you to consider two things when making a decision on the rate increase:

1. Did Far West consider the cost of installing the sewer treatment plant as part of the cost of developing lots and did they pay for that out of the profits that were made at that time or charge impact fees to cover that cost at the time?
2. Since they effectively more than doubled most peoples cost for sewer just three years ago (which in my opinion was not reasonable) is it reasonable for them, on an emergency basis, to more than double the amount they charge again?

Thank you for considering my comments.