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February 26, 2009

To: Docket Control

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

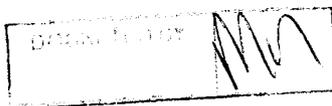
Please docket the attached 56 customer comments OPPOSING the above filed rate case.

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YOUR NAME <i>Cornell & Charlotte SABO</i>	DATE <i>2/20/09</i>
ADDRESS, CITY, STATE AND ZIP <i>2025 JASMINE AV. MUDFORD OR</i>	YOUR PHONE NUMBER <i>541-772-9312</i>
DOCKET YOU WISH TO COMMENT ON: <i>sewer rate increase</i>	DOCKET NUMBER <i>WS-03478A-08-0457</i>
CASE OR UTILITY NAME <i>Far West Water + Sewer, Inc.</i>	YOUR POSITION ON THE DOCKET PRO <input type="radio"/> CON <input type="radio"/> OTHER <input type="radio"/>
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We were disappointed that you want to raise your rates when they are already high. We got charged all year when we are only there 5 mo. We can't afford to come lower anymore. Why should all of us pay for your law suits & mistakes.

*Cornell & Charlotte Sabo
13672 E 51st Pl
Yuma 85367*

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YOUR NAME <i>Serena Legnaioli</i>	DATE <i>Feb 19, 2009</i>
ADDRESS, CITY, STATE AND ZIP <i>13465 E. 53rd LN YUMA AZ 85367</i>	YOUR PHONE NUMBER <i>928-305-5035</i>
DOCKET YOU WISH TO COMMENT ON <i>H+S Sewer Rate Increase</i>	DOCKET NUMBER <i>WS-03478A-08-04/54</i>
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*With all the increase over 3 years -
sewer alone will cost nearly as much as my
real estate taxes! This is not right
and I could never afford it, I can
barely afford the real estate taxes, since
retired + on very fixed income!*

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Phoenix AZ 85007

Re:

Docket for Comment: Proposed Rate Increase for Far West Water & Sewer
Case or Utility Name: Far West Water and Sewer, Yuma, Arizona
Docket #WS-03478A-08-0454
Position on the Docket: Con

I am amazed and appalled at the Far West Water and Sewer Company's proposed increase in sewer fees.

It is quite apparent that the proposed increase has been requested in order to pay off debt incurred to finance the improvements needed to bring the current system into compliance with the ADEQ requirements and to allow for future development of the system. The cost of these improvements should not be the responsibility of the present consumer; it should be the responsibility of the company which **obviously ignored** the requirements in the first place.

It should also be noted that by increasing the capacity of the system, the family which also owns much of the vacant land and the major development business in the Foothills area will stand to gain by being able to further develop their land without a major investment on their part.

It is not unreasonable to expect a company to make a profit, but it is unreasonable to allow a company to gouge its customers in order to do so. In assessing whether or not to allow this sewer rate increase, particularly one so outrageous, it should be remembered that the shortfall is the result of the business practices of Far West Water and Sewer, Inc., and not the current consumers.

Sincerely,



Don & Caroline Shade
14125 E. 48th Drive
Yuma AZ. 85367

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13200 E 52nd Drive
Yuma, AZ 85367
425-750-7368
February 20, 2009

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1200 W. Washington
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Re: Docket numbers WS-03478A-08-0608 and WS-03478A-08-0454

Gentlemen:

As retirees owning property at the above address, we respectfully request that the increases in the referenced docket numbers be limited to a reasonable amount similar to those that have been granted to other like utilities in the state. Living on a fixed income, especially in the current economy, would make the proposed rate hike an extreme hardship on us and many others (both property owners and winters visitors alike). It is hard to believe that Far West requires rates higher than the city of Yuma.

Far West Water & Sewer Company has committed many violations in the past, and has often blamed the influx of winter visitors for their problems. However, Far West hooked up the sewer connections in our area (the Foothills) and when doing so should have been able to meet the demands that each connection placed on their system. The current residents should not be penalized for their mismanagement.

There are currently ~100 new lots being marketed in the Foothills, with the potential of two sewer hookups at each site. In addition, there are plans to develop ~200 additional lots. We feel that the current property owners should not be required to pay for the increase in Far West's infrastructure needed to support new developments, but instead should be collected through developer mitigation fees.

There are a large number of properties for sale in our area, most of which are not on Far West's sewer system. This enormous rate increase will have a negative impact on our property values.

Like many property owners in the Foothills, we currently pay for our sewer 12 months of the year, although we use our property for only five to six months. For those months we are away, we are paying for services not being used. Why aren't the excess monies that the company earns during the summer months being invested in their infrastructure?

Perhaps Far West should pursue bankruptcy in order to place more scrutiny on their bottom line.

Respectfully,



Fred and Dorothy Lowell



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ADDRESS, CITY, STATE AND ZIP 14860 E. 51st Drive, Yuma, AZ 85367	YOUR PHONE NUMBER (318) 789-0143
DOCKET YOU WISH TO COMMENT ON: Utilities Division	DOCKET NUMBER WS-03478A-08-0454
CASE OR UTILITY NAME Far West Water and Sewer Co., Inc.	YOUR POSITION ON THE DOCKET PRO <input type="radio"/> CON <input checked="" type="radio"/> OTHER <input type="radio"/>
YOUR E-MAIL ADDRESS ycazso@roadrunner.com	

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This is to express opposition to the 214.8 percent sewer rate increase proposed by Far West Water and Sewer Company, Inc., Yuma, Arizona (Far West) scheduled for Commission action on or about July 29, 2009.

At a time when the finances of homeowners are stressed to the breaking point, I find this staggering rate request to be unthinkable, defiant of all reason, and borderline scandalous. Something is terribly wrong with a utility company which seeks to foist upon its customers a service rate that equals to or nears the level of the yearly property taxes paid by those customers. A few minutes of routine research reveals this percentage of increase is comparable to the level of increase sought and rates imposed in recent years by the 10 largest U.S. cities.

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In the grip of recession, with experts (and even the President of the United States) daily predicting a continued economic downturn through 2009, a call for any increase appears outrageous on its face. The fact that Far West's own record of violations, fines, and adjudicated liabilities only contributes to the image that this company's hierarchy just doesn't get it. Frankly, all of this, when combined with this outrageous new rate proposal, leaves me caught with my adjectives down. The term arrogance comes to mind but seems somehow insufficient.

By any honest assessment it is unfair that customers of Far West be asked to absorb the cost of the company's own apparent lack of management which has 1) permitted every one of its sewer wastewater treatment facilities in Yuma County to fail state health/environmental inspections (2006); 2) be found guilty of five felony charges including negligent homicide in the deaths of two employees, two counts of endangerment, and violating a safety standard (Oct., 2005) resulting in a fine of \$1.7-million and more than \$150,000 in restitution [prosecutors had asked for a fine of \$4.4-million. NOTE: Far West is still on 9 years probation resulting from this judge's sentence; 4) delays in ordered relocation of lines for a multi-million dollar Fortuna Road improvement project in the Yuma Foothills costing Yuma County tens of thousands of dollars in cost overruns. [Far West was billed by the County]; and 5) a legal order for a proposed moratorium on new hook-ups amid environmental concerns over violations; and 6) allegations of the owner of Far West was profiting from a bidding process with a development company that is part of the business. In addition, Far West was once found operating without proper permits at three of its wastewater facilities, a serious infraction, not just paperwork. In several cases, Far West got a general permit for a plant that treats less than 25,000 gallons a day but did not apply for proper permits as it upgraded the plant. To quote Steve Owens, Director, Arizona Department of Environmental Quality: "That seems to be a general problem with Far West."

It is interesting to note that in 2006, the same year Far West was socked with heavy fines related to some of the above-referenced issues, it requested a 35.2% rate increase from the Corporation Commission that would boost its revenues by \$514,996. Now, less,

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ADDRESS, CITY, STATE AND ZIP <i>9662 E. 36TH LANE YUMA AZ 85365</i>	YOUR PHONE NUMBER <i>928-345-3225</i>
DOCKET YOU WISH TO COMMENT ON: <i>WS-03478A-08-0454</i>	DOCKET NUMBER <i>WS-03478A-08-0454</i>
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YOUR E-MAIL ADDRESS <i>bradtcruise@aol.com</i>	

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ADDRESS, CITY, STATE AND ZIP <i>12639 E 45th Lane Yuma AZ 85367</i>	YOUR PHONE NUMBER <i>928-345-2219</i>
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When we first purchased our property we only had to pay for sewer when we stayed on the property (which is normally 3-4 months). Then they began charging us for the entire year whether we were or not, which seemed fair and which was a great increase. And now they want an outrageous increase to cover bad ~~manag~~ management and future development. This cost should not be put upon existing property owners.

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** We do not live here full time. Our CA Address is:
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Folsom CA 95630*

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*Also commenting on Docket Number
WS - 03478A - 08 - 0608 - Emergency Rates -*

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Marlene Strey

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Sincerely,

Johnie W. Schiemer

*Home
address 13318 E 53rd ST*

*mailing
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DOCKET YOU WISH TO COMMENT ON: <i>Doc # WS-03478A-08</i>	DOCKET NUMBER <i>0454</i>
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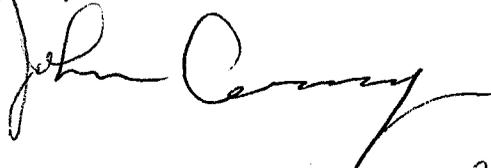
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Vic & Marlyss Thompson
10341 S. Summer Ave.
Yuma, AZ 85365

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ADDRESS, CITY, STATE AND ZIP <i>10341 S. SUMMER AVE + 10267 S. SUMMER</i>	YOUR PHONE NUMBER <i>928-342-1250</i>
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CASE OR UTILITY NAME <i>FAR WEST WATER & SEWER</i>	YOUR POSITION ON THE DOCKET PRO <input type="radio"/> CON <input type="radio"/> OTHER <input checked="" type="radio"/>
YOUR E-MAIL ADDRESS <i>NA</i>	

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We are outraged at the Proposed increase in rates being proposed by Far West, we are living on a fixed income, and simply cannot afford to pay for the increase. If Far West proceeds with the increase, we will be forced to sell out and move away.

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ADDRESS, CITY, STATE AND ZIP → <u>10291 S Del Rey Ave</u>	YOUR PHONE NUMBER <u>9</u> ←
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ADDRESS, CITY, STATE AND ZIP <i>13699 E 50th St Yuma AZ 85367</i>	YOUR PHONE NUMBER <i>707-527-0542</i>
DOCKET YOU WISH TO COMMENT ON: <i>sewer rate increase</i>	DOCKET NUMBER <i>WS-03478A-08-0454</i>
CASE OR UTILITY NAME <i>Far West Water + Sewer, Inc.</i>	YOUR POSITION ON THE DOCKET PRO <input type="radio"/> CON <input type="radio"/> OTHER <input type="radio"/>
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Sincerely

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ADDRESS, CITY, STATE AND ZIP 11322 S. Ave 12E Unit #98, Yuma, AZ	YOUR PHONE NUMBER (928) 342-3052
DOCKET YOU WISH TO COMMENT ON: Sewer Rate Increase	DOCKET NUMBER WS-30478A-08-0454
CASE OR UTILITY NAME Far West Water & Sewer Inc.	YOUR POSITION ON THE DOCKET PRO <input type="radio"/> CON <input checked="" type="radio"/> OTHER <input type="radio"/>
YOUR E-MAIL ADDRESS alloydwilliams1@shaw.ca	

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We wish to protest the increase requested by Far West. We chose Arizona as a winter destination for six months of the year after investigating the cost here vs. other winter destinations. The proposed increase is far too much for most of the people in this community to bear considering most of us only use the sewers six months out of a year but pay for 12 months. This increase will cause hardship to most of the residents at a time when they have already been hit hard by the economy. We respectfully request that the rate increase as presented be turned down.

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ADDRESS, CITY, STATE AND ZIP 11322 S Ave 12E Lot 28 Yuma AZ 85367	YOUR PHONE NUMBER
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The proposed increases are too much for the average household to pay. Most people on a fixed or lower income cannot afford these rates. We are against any such increases and feel that the rate we are now paying is enough. Majority of the people in our development use the utilities maximum of 6 months per year.

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G. R. Schmidt
13161 E. 53RD ST.
YUMA, AZ. 85367

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ADDRESS, CITY, STATE AND ZIP <i>10217 S SUMMER AVE</i>	YOUR PHONE NUMBER <i>345-2043</i>
DOCKET YOU WISH TO COMMENT ON: WS03478-A-0454	DOCKET NUMBER WS03478A-08-0454
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The increase being requested is unreasonable. If they have made good business decisions they should absorb the loss just as I would have to do. I own a full-time resident which I have a vacant lot with some plants on it. No sewer service is used and I certainly object to that. I don't mind the current annual fee on either lot my home or the vacant one but some allowance should be made when no sewer is used for the entire year. Again the size of the rate increase requested is exorbitant.

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I do not believe that your customers should be held responsible for your company's poor management decisions. Your lawsuit judgements are YOUR PROBLEM!

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YOUR company's management & bookkeeping needs major reconstruction & education. Don't you follow the law & OSHA Regs like you should. Your lawsuit settlement amount is your company's problem & should not be passed on to your customers

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ADDRESS, CITY, STATE AND ZIP <i>3324 Cedar Lane, Lake Almanor, Ca 96137</i>	YOUR PHONE NUMBER <i>(530) 249-0459</i>
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ADDRESS, CITY, STATE AND ZIP <i>11322 S Ave 12 E #101 Yuma, AZ 85367</i>	YOUR PHONE NUMBER <i>928-345-3144</i>
DOCKET YOU WISH TO COMMENT ON: <i>sewer rate increase</i>	DOCKET NUMBER <i>WS-03478A-08-0454</i>
CASE OR UTILITY NAME <i>Far West Water + Sewer, Inc.</i>	YOUR POSITION ON THE DOCKET PRO <input type="radio"/> CON <input checked="" type="radio"/> OTHER <input type="radio"/>
YOUR E-MAIL ADDRESS <i>pjncln1@juno.com</i>	

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We feel this is outrageous! We should not have to pay for the poor judgement of Far West to supply the foothills. Maybe instead of investing in a new development, they should have put that money into their sewer system.

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ADDRESS, CITY, STATE AND ZIP <i>13292 E, 34th DR. Yuma</i>	YOUR PHONE NUMBER <i>541-350-2811</i>
DOCKET YOU WISH TO COMMENT ON: Far West Water & Sewer Rate Increase	DOCKET NUMBER WS-03478A-08-0454
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ADDRESS, CITY, STATE AND ZIP <i>12621 E 47th - Yuma Ariz 85317</i>	YOUR PHONE NUMBER <i>345-3208</i>
DOCKET YOU WISH TO COMMENT ON: Increase in annual revenues for sewer service	DOCKET NUMBER WS-03478A-08-0454
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ADDRESS, CITY, STATE AND ZIP <i>12620 E 47th DR. YUMA AZ 85367</i>	YOUR PHONE NUMBER <i>541-554-3379</i>
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Your proposed increase in annual revenues is far in excess for the service provided.

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AGAIN: This will cause a real hardship on many people here in the foothills of Yuma.



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ADDRESS, CITY, STATE AND ZIP → 11663 S. DAWN DR. YUMA AZ. 85367	YOUR PHONE NUMBER → (928) 345-2930
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ADDRESS, CITY, STATE AND ZIP <i>10411 S. SPRING AVE YUMA AZ 85365</i>	YOUR PHONE NUMBER <i>928-305-0294</i>
DOCKET YOU WISH TO COMMENT ON: <i>PERMANENT RATE INCREASE</i>	DOCKET NUMBER <i>WS-03478A-08-0454</i>
CASE OR UTILITY NAME <i>FAR WEST WATER & SEWER CO.</i>	YOUR POSITION ON THE DOCKET PRO <input type="radio"/> CON <input type="radio"/> OTHER <input checked="" type="radio"/>
YOUR E-MAIL ADDRESS <i>JEMA212@AOL.COM</i>	

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*NEED TO STOP GREED (EXCESSIVE DESIRE FOR WEALTH)
PEOPLE ARE EITHER - WORKING WITH FAMILIES OR
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ADDRESS, CITY, STATE AND ZIP 13372 S. DRUGGINS LN YUMA AZ 85367	YOUR PHONE NUMBER
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ADDRESS, CITY, STATE AND ZIP <i>14168 E 51ST LANE YUMA AZ 85367</i>	YOUR PHONE NUMBER <i>928-342-1942</i>
DOCKET YOU WISH TO COMMENT ON: <i>sewer rate increase</i>	DOCKET NUMBER <i>WS-03478A-08-0457</i>
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THERE IS NO WAY THAT I CAN SEE ANY POSSIBLE REASON^{FOR} EXORBITANT RATE INCREASE AS PERTAINS TO SEWER SERVICE TO OUR COMMUNITY IN THE FOOTHILLS AREA OF YUMA COUNTY.

A VAST MAJORITY OF RESIDENTS WHO ARE HOME OWNERS, ARE RETIRED AND LIVE ON A FIXED INCOME AND MOST LIKELY WILL NOT BE ABLE TO MEET THE PROPOSED RATE INCREASE AS NOW WRITTEN

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YOUR NAME Jerry E. Gran	DATE 02-24-09
ADDRESS, CITY, STATE AND ZIP 13487 E. 55th Drive Yuma AZ 85367	PHONE (HOME) (928) 305-5190
NAME THAT APPEARS ON THE BILL Jerry E. Gran	ALTERNATE PHONE (DAYTIME) (360) 220-1515
NAME OF THE UTILITY COMPANY Far West Water + Sewer, Inc.	ACCOUNT NUMBER 0000039737
E-MAIL ADDRESS None	CHECK HERE TO CONFIRM THAT YOU HAVE ALREADY CONTACTED THE UTILITY (SEE STEP 1) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>

PLEASE SUMMARIZE YOUR COMPLAINT OR INQUIRY:

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The City of Yuma residents pay \$348.00 per year currently.

It is very evident there has been too much property developed and inadequate management, planning, & maintenance for the sewer treatment facilities to maintain optimum efficiency.

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WE OWN THE ABOVE PROPERTY WHICH WE HAVE BEEN TRYING TO SELL OR RENT FOR 4 YEARS W/NO SUCCESS. POTENTIAL BUYERS SEEM TO BE NOT SO INTERESTED WHEN THEY FIND OUT THE PROPERTY IS ON SEWER NOT SEPTIC. WE HAVEN'T STARTED SERVICE BECAUSE WE CAN AFFORD TO PAY FOR SERVICES NOT RENDERED FOR A VACANT PROPERTY WITH EXPENSES AND NO INCOME. THIS INCREASE IS BEYOND REASONABLE

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ADDRESS, CITY, STATE AND ZIP 11322 S AVE 12E LOT 52A	YOUR PHONE NUMBER 928-550-8713
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YOUR E-MAIL ADDRESS NGCHAPMAN2003@YAHOO.CA	

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ADDRESS, CITY, STATE AND ZIP 13628 E 55th St Yuma, AZ 85367 (vacation home)	YOUR PHONE NUMBER (425) 330-9039
DOCKET YOU WISH TO COMMENT ON: Sewer rate increase	DOCKET NUMBER WS-03478A-08-0454
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ADDRESS, CITY, STATE AND ZIP <i>8001-E N. Mesa #339 El Paso Tex 79932</i>	YOUR PHONE NUMBER <i>503-720-9151</i>
DOCKET YOU WISH TO COMMENT ON: <i>WS-03478A-08-0454</i>	DOCKET NUMBER <i>←</i>
CASE OR UTILITY NAME <i>FAR WEST WATER & SEWER, YUMA, AZ</i>	YOUR POSITION ON THE DOCKET <input checked="" type="radio"/> PRO <input checked="" type="radio"/> CON <input checked="" type="radio"/> OTHER
YOUR E-MAIL ADDRESS <i>teresaandfrank@hotmail.com</i>	

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Address we own: 14414 E. 53 ST. YUMA AZ

We feel this crisis is mostly caused by mismanagement by the principals in FarWest.

And, further mis management was supported by Yuma County officials continuing to allow building with insufficient infrastructure.

See Attached for further comment.

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ARIZONA CORPORATION COMMISSION PUBLIC COMMENT FORM

IN THE MATTER OF THE APPLICATION OF FAR WEST WATER
& SEWER COMPANY, AN ARIZONA CORPORATION
FOR A DETERMINATION OF THE FAIR VALUE OF ITS SEWER UTILITY
PLANT AND PROPERTY AND FOR INCREASES IN ITS RATES AND
CHARGES FOR SEWER UTILITY SERVICE BASED THEREIN.

Reference: Docket No WS-03478A-08 -0454

BASED ON THE FOLLOWING INFORMATION, we the customers of Far West Water and Sewer Co., would like to ask the Arizona Corp Commission to NOT APPROVE the application submitted by Far west water and Sewer Company. Docket No. WS-03478A-08-0454.

- A. Far West provides water and sewer services to the Foothills area east of Yuma. There are approximately 8000 residential and commercial customers in this unincorporated area of Yuma County, who would receive a rate increase of over **200%** over a period of three years. Once approved this new rate will be the permanent rate and will continue until Far West decides to raise the rates again.
- B. Far West Water and Sewer Co and H&S Developers has been fined and is required to pay penalties, for numerous repeated alleged water and air quality violations dating back as far as 1989 and as recently as the 50 counts filed September 9, 2009 that could amount to a judgment of millions of dollars. H & S Developers is also named because it provided the services until forming Far West as a separate company in 1998 and transferring drinking water and wastewater facilities ownership to the new company.
- C. In 2006 Farwest Water & Sewer finally came in to compliance with ADEQ. The company has now since expanded its lagoon by 300%. We speculate that this effort was only put forth to compensate for the recent Subdivision that H&HS Development Co. just started.
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- E. Winter Residents currently flock to Yuma because of the weather, and because it is economically feasible to maintain a second home here. Winter residents increase Yuma's population each year by more than 80,000 people with the majority living in the Foothills. This population will be especially affected by this increase because for 6-8 months out of the year they pay for their sewer fees despite being unable to flush their toilets because they have returned to their primary residence.
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In Conclusion

- We don't feel that Current customers should incur the costs necessary to cover a new Wastewater Plant needed to compensate for future growth. At most this cost should be absorbed by impact fees on the new lots being developed.
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- We the customers of Farwest do not feel that is a cost that should be transferred to current customers.
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Julesa Bledsoe
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14414 E 53rd St
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Dated this ²⁰12th day of February, 2009

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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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YOUR NAME LAWRENCE G. UNGER	DATE FEB. 25, '09
ADDRESS, CITY, STATE AND ZIP 13869 E. 50TH ST, YUMA, AZ. 85367	YOUR PHONE NUMBER (928) 342-7226
DOCKET YOU WISH TO COMMENT ON: UTILITIES DIVISION (RATE INCREASE'S)	DOCKET NUMBER WS-03478A-08-0454 08-0517017-08-0668
CASE OR UTILITY NAME FAR WEST WATER AND SEWER	YOUR POSITION ON THE DOCKET PRO <input type="radio"/> CON <input checked="" type="radio"/> OTHER <input type="radio"/>
YOUR E-MAIL ADDRESS	

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I AM PROTECTING BOTH THESE RATE INCREASE'S FROM FAR WEST WATER & SEWER REQUEST. THESE INCREASE'S ARE RIDICULOUS AND OUT OF LINE FOR ANY COMMUNITY. OUR COMMUNITY ARE MOSTLY FIF INCOME AND LOW INCOME PROPERTY OWNER'S.

THANK YOU, Lawrence Unger

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To whom it may concern :

The recent requests made by Far West Water & Sewer Co. for outrageous rate increases is further evidence that this service should be provided by a local government, possibly Yuma County, as a public utility. The Foothills Area may have to be incorporated to do this, but whatever, it is time. Most public utilities pay for things like sewer upgrades by using bonds, loans, etc., not by gouging their customers up front to pay for a specific project. In recent years there have been management mistakes (i.e. not gas-freeing a tank prior to repairs) by this company that has to be part of the problem. If the subject rate increases are approved it is my belief that the development and economy in the Foothills Area will be severely impaired.

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