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RE: Docket No. W-01445A-08-0440
Application of Arizona Water Company

Dear Commissioner Newman:

The Greater Casa Grande Chamber of Commerce represents more than 600 businesses in Casa Grande and surrounding area. As 'the voice of business', we are writing to express our concern with the Arizona Corporation Commission's Staff Rate Design presently under consideration regarding the application docket mentioned above.

We feel the Staff Rate Design will unfairly impose a substantial economic burden on present and future commercial and industrial customers and adversely impact economic growth and development in our area and Arizona. We ask that you examine more closely the actual cost of service being provided to each category of users and not continue to place an undue proportion of the costs on commercial and industrial users.

We understand the Staff Rate Design is inconsistent with the rate design proposed by the Residential Utility Consumer Office. We ask that the Corporation Commission not adopt a plan which will place a substantial and inequitable rate increase on commercial and industrial users.

In these challenging economic times, we understand the need for increases in rates and services provided. We see this daily in sustaining the services provided by the Chamber and in the businesses providing services to the consumer. However, we urge the Commission to reject the proposed Staff Rate Design and adopt a rate structure that more fairly allocates the cost of service across each consumer category.

Thank you for your consideration of our request,

Respectfully submitted,

Helen Neuharth
President/CEO
Greater Casa Grande Chamber of Commerce

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