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**To:** Undisclosed recipients  
**Subject:** Arizona-American Water Co. rate request

Dear Commissioner--

We urge you and your fellow commissioners, in the strongest possible terms, to reject Arizona-American Water Co.'s request for a huge rate increase. Ditto for the outrageous recommendation of the administrative law judge.

In an age of downsized economic expectations for everyone (except financiers and utilities, it seems), AAWC has outsized expectations of what the public can stand in the way of water rates -- and of how much more valuable their water is than anyone else's, including municipalities'.

If even the increase recommended by the administrative law judge is granted -- heaven forbid -- our AAWC water bill in Sun City West (now \$75/month) will be only a few dollars less than our Arizona Public Service Co. bill of \$112/month. How can this possibly be justified?

When we lived in Glendale a mere two years ago, our monthly water/ sewage bill was 40 percent lower than our AAWC water bill -- and that included a discounted sewage rate during the summer to account for plant irrigation. We get no such break, that we am aware of or can find on my bill, here in Sun City West as AAWC customers. And our yard here is much smaller, with way fewer plants, than our yard in Glendale was.

With foreclosures increasing, property taxes rising, and retirement incomes shrinking or staying stagnant, many homeowners in retirement communities such as ours are hanging on by a thread, economically. Even if you were to grant AAWC a very modest increase, you will be sending more of us over the edge due to AAWC's already outrageously high water rates.

At the risk of stating the obvious, we seniors are committed voters, and we will be watching.

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