

ORIGINAL

W-01303A-08-0227
SW-01303A-08-0227

Jennifer Ybarra

From: avance1937@aol.com
Sent: Wednesday, November 18, 2009 7:13 PM
To: Newman-Web
Subject: Fwd: Water rate increases for Sun City West



0000105618

Mr. Newman

As a resident of Sun City West, I find it appalling that you and your fellow commissioners would suggest a rate hike of 66% in the water rates for our Village.

At a time when the economy is so unstable and social security benefits are being frozen for the next two years, what in the world are you thinking? We are not a growing city. Obviously, there is a lack of caring and consideration for the citizens of Sun City West and also a lack of understanding of the economic condition of the whole country.

I would ask that you re-consider your request which is totally inappropriate at this time.

Sincerely,

Arlene Vance
AVance1937@aol.com

Arizona Corporation Commission
DOCKETED
DEC - 1 2009

DOCKETED BY *MLW*

RECEIVED
2009 DEC - 1 P 4: 07
AZ CORP COMMISSION
DOCKET CONTROL

Jennifer Ybarra

W-01303A-08-0227
SW-01303A-08-0227

From: lynette [mystar1@peoplepc.com]
Sent: Sunday, November 29, 2009 9:31 PM
To: Newman-Web
Subject: Sun City West Water Rate Increase

To the Commissioners of the Arizona Corporate Commission;

Sun City West Water Rate Increase -

Let me take this opportunity to register my concern and disgust about this excessive water rate increase that is being imposed on the residents of SCW. The proposed increase equates to 7.3% Return on Investment for Az/American! In these perilous economic times, it is unconscionable to request a guaranteed return on investment of 7.3% !

1. The quoted increase of 66.1% is misleading, as it is an average. The actual increase is graduated down from the lowest user to the highest user:
 - o Up to 4,000 gallons a month, we estimate a 90.1% increase!
 - o 4,000 gallons to 15,000 gallons a month, we estimate a 62.4% increase!
 - o 15,000 gallon + we estimate a 53.1% increase!

(You need only speak to the concept of rewarding the highest users with the lowest rates, which is unfair to smaller households. This concept also runs counter to conservation moves being preached worldwide)

2. The expense charges allowed in this rate-making process are both excessive & outrageous; e.g., nearly \$1 million will be transferred annually from rate payors to the parent company American Water Works (AWK: NYSE). There are also inclusions for executives' bonuses' in expense charges to SCW customers. These are also inappropriate, especially in light of the Illinois Commissioner ruling against this company on this practice last year.as they should be charged to the parent company.
3. ...and why such large rate increases when SCW was virtually completely built-out in 1998? We are NOT a growing city! Inflation costs? O.K. Depreciation? O.K. But 66% increase?
4. And the last clincher? Next year Arizona American is planning on hitting us with an average increase of over \$6.00 / month for waste water processing.

I hope that you will not allow this rate increase to happen!

Sincerely;

Lynette wood
Sun City West resident

FREE Emoticons for your email!

[Click Here!](#)



W-01303A-08-0227
SW-01303A-08-0227

Jennifer Ybarra

From: james spence [spencej7@yahoo.com]
Sent: Monday, November 23, 2009 5:28 PM
To: Newman-Web
Subject: SUN CITY WEST RATE WATCHERS
Attachments: WATER RATE WATCHERS.docx

Dear Commissioner Newman;

Please open the attached Word Document which contains my submission

James Spence
Sun City West

Corporation Commission Complaint Submission
November 23, 2009
From: James O. Spence
12611 West Allegro Drive
Sun City West, AZ, 85375
623-214-2260

WATER RATE WATCHERS WONDER – WHAT GIVES ?

1. The proposed increase equates to 7.3% Return on Investment for AZ/American! In these perilous economic times, it is unconscionable to request a guaranteed return on investment of 7.3% !
2. The quoted increase of 66.1% is misleading, as it is an average. The actual increase is graduated down from the lowest user to the highest user:
 - o Up to 4,000 gallons a month, we estimate a 90.1% increase!
 - o 4,000 gallons to 15,000 gallons a month, we estimate a 62.4% increase!
 - o 15,000 gallon + we estimate a 53.1% increase!

(You need only speak to the concept of rewarding the highest users with the lowest rates, which is unfair to smaller households. This concept also runs counter to conservation moves being preached worldwide)

3. The expense charges allowed in this rate-making process are both excessive & outrageous; e.g., nearly \$1 million will be transferred annually from rate payers to the parent company American Water Works (AWK: NYSE). There are also inclusions for executives' bonuses' in expense charges to SCW customers.
4. These are also inappropriate in light of the Illinois Commissioner ruling against this company on this practice last year as they should be charged to the parent company.
5. ...and why such large rate increases when SCW was virtually completely built-out in 1998? We are NOT a growing city! Inflation costs? O.K. Depreciation? O.K. But 66% increase?
6. And the last clincher? Next year Arizona American is planning on hitting us with an average increase of over \$6.00 / month for waste water processing.

Please bear in mind while you are giving the closest review to the supports and assumptions accompanying the above Rate Increase application, that most of us are on a fixed and inflexible income. Any rate increase hurts but this one is seemingly egregious

James Spence (signed)

Gisela Spence (signed)