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Chairman Kris Mayes  
Arizona Corporation Commission  
1200 W. Washington  
Phoenix, AZ 85007

RE: docket #W-01301A-08-0227

Dear Chairman Mayes,

November 27, 2009

On behalf of the Friends of the Santa Cruz River (FOSCR), I would like to thank you and the ACC staff for setting up a tier water pricing structure for the Arizona-American Water Company in the Tubac Water District.

We are in the midst of a serious long-term drought in the upper Santa Cruz River watershed, and even if we were not, our drinking water supplies are limited. Aquifers are small in our area and do not store much water, and we do not have access to CAP or other out-of-basin supplies. Therefore, we absolutely need to learn to live within our means. An excellent way to encourage prudent water use is to price excessive use higher than minimal use in a stair-step fashion. Along with appropriate user education, this economic structure should help us to reduce our per-capita water use.

Your concern for the future water stability of our area is much appreciated. Wishing you and the ACC staff a wonderful holiday season,

Sherry L. Sass  
President, FOSCR

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