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Re: Global Water Rate Increase

Docket Numbers:

SW-20445A-09-0077

W-02451A-09-0078

W-01732A-09-0079

W-20446A-09-0080

W-20450A-09-0081

W-01212A-09-0082

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In the matter of the aforementioned docket numbers, I, the undersigned, resident of Maricopa, Arizona, located in Pinal County, do hereby oppose the proposed rate increases as proposed by Global Water and their subsidiaries as described in the above mentioned Dockets for the following reasons:

1. The proposed rate increases will have a large financial impact on my personal budget as my salary has been reduced by 75% of what it was in the end of 2008 so this will only make my situation worse.
2. It will also have a significant impact on the Homeowners Association's expenses and which will likely result in an increase in my HOA's monthly dues which only compounds my individual hardship financially. Also the water company is not the only party that is being hurt with the delinquencies and foreclosures that are now taking place it also just makes things worse if these increases are approved.
3. I feel that the rate increases are purely profit-driven so that the major stakeholders and investors will realize a higher rate of return. The proposed rate increases do not propose improvements of any the services, quality of water or distribution of such facilities. Since the water company elected to construct the large amount of infrastructure without any guarantees of the return on these expenditures, I do not feel we should have to be penalized for their bad business practices and investments in the infrastructure. These proposed rate increases will only be for the profit of the investors, stakeholders and management of the water company and not for improved facilities for their customers.
4. If these rate increases are approved by the Commission, I feel this will be very detrimental to the City of Maricopa, all the Homeowner Associations and to all residents of their service areas. It will be detrimental to attracting builders, buyers or any other businesses that will compare the rates for Global against rates in other areas in the vicinity. It will also force the HOA's to make drastic changes in the amount of landscaping and how it is maintained or have to be forced to increase the monthly dues substantially. I just want to remind the Commission that visual aesthetics are the first thing that either sells an area or turns customers away and I feel with the reductions in the landscaping operations that will need to be accomplished, both in eliminating and reduced maintenance of existing landscaping, it will be a large detriment to the future growth of the City of Maricopa and the surrounding area.

Again I request that these rate increases be denied by the Commission and that all of us have had to tighten our purse strings and absorb our declines in salaries, benefits, investments and our home values under these extremely depressing times so it should not be any different for Global Water to do the same. No one has stepped up to give my investments a guaranteed amount of return so they cannot expect this from their customers. Thanks and if you have any questions or need any clarifications, I would be glad to meet with any Commissioners at your earliest convenience. Please feel free to contact us at the information listed below.

Sincerely:



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