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Subject: Rate Consolidation and Increases

Utility Name: Arizona-American Water Company, Inc.
Docket Numbers: W-10303A-09-0343 and SW-01303A-09-0343
Re: Rate Consolidation and Increases

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Dear Ms. Mayes:

I am writing to express my concern about the above-mentioned Rate Consolidation and Increase proposal. I live in Sun City, and this proposal would affect my household two-fold. Not only would the water and sewer rates be increased for my household, the Recreation Centers of Sun City would also have its rates increased. Therefore, the RCSC would have to increase its annual property assessment to Sun City homeowners -- my household again. Please take into consideration the unique situation of Sun City and do not act on the Rate Consolidation and Increase Proposal.

Thank you.

Sincerely,

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Kristen Mayes, Chairperson
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Re: Rate Consolidation and Increases

Utility Name: Arizona-American Water Company, Inc.

Docket Numbers: W-01303A-09-0343 and SW-01303A-09-343

Dear Commissioner Mayes,

My husband Alan and I have learned that Arizona-American Water has requested a rate consolidation and increases in water rates and waste water processing fees of approximately 27% and 41%, respectively.

Increased water costs will pose great hardship to residents of this, the original Sun City. Residents will be impacted in their water bills and in increased Sun City annual assessments. Affected homeowners did not receive the usual cost of living adjustment (COLA) to their Social Security benefits this year, ostensibly due to there being no significant increase in the cost of living. Most of the residents in our neighborhood are well over 55 and many are widows. The frugality of their lifestyle is apparent and it is obvious that they already conserve water. A drive through the area of proposed change will reveal that nearly all freestanding homes do not have grass lawns. You will also note that the golf courses are brown because of scant watering.

Please reconsider at least the amount of increase. Might you instead consider imposing higher water and waste water fees for consumers who squander what we know to be our most valuable resource? The sight of water running down the street due to inattention or indifference is simply incredible. Grass lawns in the desert are impractical at best and are most likely unsustainable. A tiered water rate system would provide strong incentive to conserve and higher rates for excessive use would result in increased revenue for American Water.

Sun City is comprised of hard-working people who have been conservative in their spending and who have saved conscientiously. The most recent data I could find shows Sun City median household income of \$33K. Median Income in Sun City West from that source (simplyhired.com) is 29% higher. Consolidation with higher income areas places disproportionate burden on Sun City homeowners. Our neighbors and we live modestly, dining usually at home, driving older vehicles, making do with what we have. Increasing the costs, as proposed, will strain budgets and increase stress for the citizens who helped build America to the level of prosperity we have enjoyed. Many were alive during the Depression, served their country in war, working hard all of their lives.

To keep Del Webb's vision alive, there is an ongoing need to attract new residents. Higher fees and high utility costs are potential deterrents. The favorable effect of seasonal residents and Golden Age migrants on the Arizona economy is broadly recognized. It is contrary to long-term interests to discourage those who would replenish Sun City's population. Alan and I respectfully request that you reconsider the proposed consolidation as well as the amount of increase under consideration. If you could see our neighbors, you would recognize that the changes you contemplate would have adverse effect on many people. If you want to meet us, we are happy to invite you over so we can introduce you to our neighbors. One cannot help but think of their own Mother or Grandmother when conversing with these sweet people. Thank you for your time and attention to our concern.

Respectfully yours,

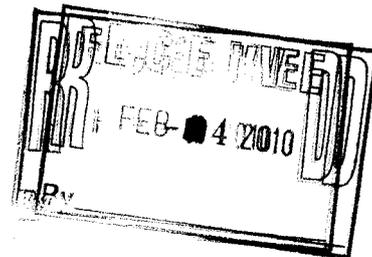
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Kristen Mayes, Chair Person

Dear Ms. Mayes,

We are writing the Arizona Corporation Commission in order to plead that you and your colleagues DO NOT APPROVE the proposed Sun City Water and Waste water Rate Consolidation and Rate Increase.

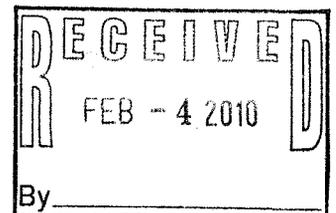
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Please inform Gary Pierce, Sandra Kennedy, Paul Newman and Robert Stump that we are retirees living on fixed incomes and can not afford this type of large increase.

In hope that you will head our plead,

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February 1, 2010

Ms. Kristen Mayes, Chair
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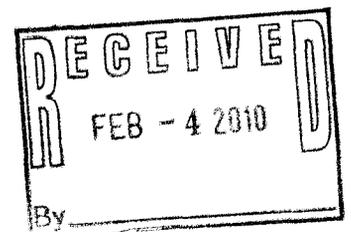
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Rate Consolidation and Increases

Dear Ms. Mayes:

I am thankful the Recreation Centers of Sun City has informed the Sun City residents of the requested water and wastewater rate increase being requested by Arizona-American Water Company, Inc.

I am opposed to these increases for the following reasons:

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- I am opposed to businesses wanting increases when they have not learned how to live within their budget like the residents are having to do in this economy.
- Sun City water district should stand on its own and not be consolidated with surrounding cities.
- There is nothing wrong with the Sun City water. There is no reason for us to pay the costs for other districts to treat their water.
- With everyone cutting back out of necessity, I feel the water company should postpone ALL increases until the economy has recovered.
- I suspect these increases are desired because they want to give salary raises and purchase new vehicles.
- Those of us on Social Security did not receive a raise as of January 1, 2010, therefore, we do not have additional funds available for use.
- We have 21 single females living in our community and every one of us has to cut back in several areas, especially use of vehicles for volunteering and the giving of donations. We are learning how to live within our income and some would be in danger of losing their home if these requests are approved.
- Effective October 1, 2009, the Arizona Department of Administration begun taking an additional \$143.84 from my pension check for medical coverage. I definitely don't have additional income to use for my own use and certainly not for anyone else.



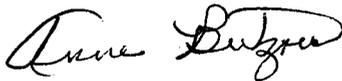
- Since we pay a yearly fee to the Recreation Centers of Sun City, any increases they incur will be passed onto the residents. As a result, we will end up paying twice. So many Sun City residents simply can't handle any additional costs.

I pray you will take a long hard look at the requests and asked lots and lots of questions. I know the water company will have lawyers representing them, however, some of us are learning how to be advocates for ourselves and our neighbors. Most of all we are finding it necessary to take care of each other in this economy in which we find ourselves. We can't afford lawyers to represent us so we must do it ourselves.

Once again, I ask that the Arizona Corporate Commission not approve the requested increases.

Thank you for taking time to read this letter. I know you have been very critical of requests from other companies in the past. And, I know you have had other requests that take loads of your time, however, I personally feel that approval of this request would be detrimental to the lives of several Sun City residents.

Sincerely,



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