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Ms Kennedy,

We are writing to express our opposition to you about the three proposed agendas from Arizona American Water.

Rate Consolidation:

Consolidating rates for Sun City with such cities as Anthem, Agua Fria, Tubac, Sun City West Mohave and Paradise Valley makes no sense. Sun City has been in existence for 50 years and consists entirely of retirees on FIXED INCOMES. If this consolidation is approved it would mean a 168% increase from the present Sun City residential wastewater rate!...(not to mention a proposed 76.98% increase in the water rates!)

No new homes have been added to Sun City for almost 30 years, thus water usage increases will remain limited. Business have closed and moved away over the past several years with few taking their place. Therefore, no new water/wastewater lines need to be built. Sun City is not growing nor will it grow beyond its current boundaries. So why should Sun City residents be forced to pay for the growth of other expanding cities? This consolidation makes absolutely no sense for Sun City residents.

Bundling: (Docket No. W-01303!-09-0343) (Docket No. SW-01303A-09-043)

Bundling Sun City with Anthem makes no practical sense. Again, Sun City has been in existence much longer than Anthem has been. Sun City has not grown in size nor will it ever grow as it is now surrounded by other cities. So to be included with or compared to a fast-growing multi-generation city such as Anthem is absolutely not appropriate. Sun City was developed and sold as a reasonably affordable retirement community for most "lower-middle class retirees" living on a "fixed income".

Rate Increase:

Now the original idea behind Sun City is threatened by the these changes and proposed charges designed by Arizona American Water. We on fixed incomes are now being asked to support fast growing suburban areas of the Valley. Sun City was developed 50 years ago was a simple idea, provide a decent affordable retirement community for Americans who have worked and sacrificed their entire lives.

This Country is in a deep recession, with Social Security "frozen" for two years, Medicare costs are rising, individual savings have dropped dramatically because of greed associated with Wall Street and yet utility cost continue to spiral upward. Sun City residents are not "immune" to this economic downturn, indeed we "feel it" as much as anyone but with little opportunity or time to recoup these losses.

The basic principle behind the success of Sun City attracted my parents to live here in 1972. We have lived here for almost 14 years now. My wife and I have never missed votting in any election. We are asking that you please do not approve such unjustifiable changes and charges from Arizona American Water.

Sincerely,

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