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Mr. Newman,

We are writing to express our opposition to the three proposed changes submitted by Arizona American Water to you.

Rate Consolidation:

Consolidating rates from such diverse geographical areas such as Anthem, Agua Fria, Tubac, Mohave and Paradise Valley makes no sense. Sun City has been in existence for 50 years and consists 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 proposed water rates!)

No new homes have been added to Sun City for almost 30 years. Business have closed or left entirely. Therefore, no new water/wastewater lines need to be built. The city is not growing nor will it grow beyond its current boundaries. So why should Sun City residents be forced to pay for all of the growth of these other expanding cities? This proposed consolidation makes absolutely no sense for Sun City residents.

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

Bundling Sun City with Anthem makes no logical sense for residents of Sun City. Again, Sun City has been in existence much longer than Anthem which continues to grow. Whereas, Sun City has not grown in the number of homes and in fact has seen many businesses close or leave entirely which is the opposite of fast growing, multi-generation Anthem. Sun City was developed and sold as a reasonably affordable retirement community for most "lower-middle class" retirees living on "fixed incomes".

Rate Increases:

Now the "dream" behind Sun City is being threatened by such punitive increases now proposed by Arizona American Water. We on fixed incomes are now being asked to support fast growing suburban area of the Valley and beyond. Sun City was developed 50 years ago for American retirees that have worked and sacrificed and "paid their dues" for their entire adult lives.

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

The original idea behind Sun City first attracted our parents to Sun City in 1972. We have lived here for almost 14 years now. We have never missed voting in any election. We are asking you to please not approve these changes and charges proposed by Arizona American Water.

Sincerely,

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