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Dear Commissioner:

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Re: Coronado Utilities, Inc.
Docket No. SW-04305A-09-0291

ARIZONA CORPORATION COMMISSION
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On June 3, 2009, Coronado Utilities, Inc. filed an application (Docket No. SW-04305A-09-0291) for an increase in revenue for sewer service in San Manuel, AZ. As customers, we received notification in September 2009 (from Coronado) that a Public Hearing would be held on March 23, 2010 in Tucson where public comments would be taken regarding this application. The hearing was postponed, however, we were not notified of this postponement. Has there been another Public Hearing scheduled in Tucson? If so, will you please advise the date and time of the Hearing.

In Coronado's latest application, they have requested a 17.6% increase in the residential sewer rate. If this rate increase is approved, it will mean that the San Manuel residential sewer rates have more than doubled since Coronado Utilities took over less than 4 years ago. They are also seeking a similar increase in rates for its commercial customer rates. When will these increases end? In the current depressed economy ANY rate increase cannot be justified nor warranted.

It is amazing that the Corporation Commission would even entertain such an increase by a company that has been delinquent in filing its Annual Reports to the Commission on more than one occasion, the latest being for this past year. Their Annual Report was due 8/18/09 and not received by the Commission until SIX months later on 2/12/10.* This appears to be a pattern for this company, and one they obviously get by with since the penalties imposed by Arizona Law for delinquency of these reports (\$9/month for each month of delinquency) means little to them. After all, if this proposed increase is approved by the Commission, Coronado can recoup their \$54 penalty fee in the very first month the increase is in effect by collecting the monthly billing from just six residential customers! As retirees on a limited income we are already paying extremely high sewer fees not tied to water usage. Please do not approve Coronado's request for an additional rate increase!

Sincerely,

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