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Chairman Kristin Mayes  
AZ Corporation Commission  
1200 W. Washington  
Phoenix, AZ 85007

Dear Commissioner Mayes:

On April 7, I had the honor of attending a public meeting in Anthem on Arizona American Water's proposal to dramatically increase water and sewer rates. Hundreds of people showed up, and dozens of my constituents spoke in opposition. Thank you for allowing us to express our concerns

As the Arizona State Senator representing Anthem and much of the north Valley, I also have an obligation to listen to their concerns. These are people especially hard-hit by the economic downturn, and this 100% increase in the rates will make it even harder for many to make ends meet.

The average Anthem resident on a 1" meter would see his water bill increase from \$65.91 to \$132.07 (100.39%). The average Anthem resident on a 5/8 x 3/4" meter would see his water bill increase from \$38.15 to \$76.45 (100.39%).

The Arizona Constitution delegates all power over utility rates to the Corporation Commission, so I understand I am unable to directly influence the outcome of Arizona American Water's request at this time.

With this letter, I ask that the Corporation Commission continue to do everything within its power to explore all options to this burdensome rate hike. If commissioners feel a 100% increase is warranted, please look at a phase-in of the increase, or another alternative that could ease the monthly financial burden of Anthem residents.

The Commission has recently been receptive to alternatives offered by the Legislature, including the recent SB 1198, which concerned electric line extensions. My hope is that the Commission can work with stakeholders to come to a satisfactory outcome for this proposal. The future viability of Anthem depends on each of you finding a solution.

Sincerely,

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