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From: David Strom [REDACTED]
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Ms. Kennedy - Arizona Corporate Commission Board

I just moved to Sun City West from Minnesota a few weeks ago. My wife and I plan to make Arizona our year round home. We found a nice little home in a community with an affordable golf course, a swimming pool, a clubhouse for various interest groups, etc. The name of the community is Corte Bella.

A week or 10 days ago I got an email from the golf course owners/managers, Scottsdale Golf Group. They indicated that because of a water rate increase the club would no longer be able to operate at the same level of maintenance. They cannot afford the new water rates that were imposed in December.

I just attended an information meeting in my community clubroom. Scottsdale Golf Group tells us that rates were *apparently* announced in a legal fashion, but not in a medium where the new rates were readily accessed. Maybe the ACC did what was required, but not *the intent* of the law. Scottsdale Golf Group did not see what was going to happen. And therefore, were not in a position to give any input into the new rates. And because of all the rain you had in December - January, the newly billed rates were not "flagged" as being out of the ordinary when they were received.

I'm told the rate in 2009 for Corte Bella Golf Course was \$.62 / acre ft. Then **Arizona Water Company** proposed a new rate beginning in December '09 of \$1.27 / acre ft. And the **Arizona Corporate Commission** actually imposed a \$2.73 / acre ft. rate !!!!!

Please help me understand why this was done. AZ. American Water Company asked for \$1.27 and you imposed \$2.73. Why???? This new rate is an increase of 340% over the previous rate! And there is only one other golf course that has been targeted like this?

I know you must not like the golfing community. But people like me do bring significant business dollars to the State and to the Valley. Why is the Arizona Corporate Commission being so hateful in their approach to people like me who have invested in my home in a community that you don't like? You know how much value a golf course brings to a community. I've invested my life's savings so I could come here and enjoy my later years. And now your UNJUSTIFIED and UNREQUESTED rate increase is putting my home in jeopardy !!

Ms. Kennedy, you've been on the Board for 3 years. You are suppose to be fighting AGAINST huge rate increases. Not allowing private water businesses from taking advantage of the common people. So when the private water company (Arizona American Water Company) asks for an increase of .65/acre ft. a 100% increase.... you're suppose to ask the question, "Prove you need that much in one year?" You're NOT suppose to say, "Is that all you want??? Here take an ADDITIONAL \$1.46 over and above what you requested ! Let's make it a 300% increase!"

I'm very upset and I want some answers.

Dave Strom

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