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Re: filing by Arizona American Water Co. Docket W-01303A-08

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Dear Chairman Mayes,

I am a former CPA who worked for Florida Power & Light Corp. in their rate department. I helped create the rate change requests that were submitted to the Florida Public Service Commission. I am very familiar with, and sympathetic to, the need for rate relief for public utilities.

I am also a resident of Corte Bella, a small residential retirement community in the West Valley. There is a golf course in Corte Bella which runs throughout the development. This course is not only an intrinsic part of our community, but is the only green space we enjoy.

Unfortunately, the ACC recently approved an extraordinary rate increase for the golf course's non-potable water of over 300%.

Obviously, no business can survive an increase of that amount.

If this rate increase stands, the golf course, up to now a viable business providing jobs for over 30 employees, will close.

If the increase stands, over 1,200 homeowners, who have already endured tremendous losses to their retirement savings with the fall of the stock market, will now suffer the additional blow of having the value of their homes drastically and permanently reduced. A home purchased in a golf course community that no longer has a golf course, will NEVER regain its value.

As an Arizona Corporate Commissioner, I know your mission is to determine utility rates that will satisfy the utilities and their shareholders, and still be fair to the consumer. I doubt very much if your goal is to shut down a business, cause people to lose their jobs, and leave a retirement community in shambles. Yet that is exactly what this rate increase on the non-potable water of the Corte Bella golf course will do.

I urge you to reconsider your decision in this case. If the golf course closes (and it will), this will have a devastating effect on 1) a tax-paying business, 2) over 30 tax-paying employees who will now be out of work, 3) the property values (and tax base) of a lovely housing development and 4) the financial well-being of over 2,500 Maricopa County residents.

I can't believe any of the above was your goal when you determined this rate increase. Please revisit this decision.

Sincerely,

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