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To: ACC Commissioners

FROM: Tom Sockwell
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RE: Rate Increases by Arizona American Water

As you are aware, Arizona American Water has, within the last year, raised rates for the Mohave Valley residents. My office fought very hard to prevent this rate increase. I personally went to the hearings in Phoenix in April, 2009 and spoke for my constituents. Now I am once again receiving calls and complaints that Arizona American Water is again asking for yet more increases.

According to your web page staff was asked to submit a proposal for consolidating rates all over Arizona. I would expect this to lower our rates but apparently those at Arizona American who gambled on a future that eluded them now want the Mohave Valley and other Mohave County residents to pick up the tab for their 'crap shoot'. Unfortunately these same people have seen property value drops of approximately 33% in just the last year. Those that have jobs have not received even a Cost of Living Adjustment in three years and those who are on Social Security are struggling to pay increasing medical bills!

This proposal by Arizona American Water is nothing more than a bail out for a company that did not do their up front homework. They purchased this problem with the expectation of raking in the bucks but, alas, they are victims of the economy just like the rest of us! We, the people of Mohave County, and specifically of District two, cannot and will not sit still for another attempt by this company to get us to cover their bad bet! They gambled on the same economy that we are all living with! They gambled, they lost! Now they need to live with it!

Since the functioning households in the area have declined due to vacant properties, the burden on the water system should be somewhat less than post 2008. The claim by AAW that their water usage has gone up and therefore they need more of this and more of that is not justified by any real numbers. They can produce their own statistics, I am sure, but Mohave County knows how many families have left the area and how effected those still here will be by another rate increase. We - Mohave County - will fight any proposed increase by them to our local constituents and we sincerely hope that as our representative, you too will vote against this latest proposed increase. We demand that you vote against any change in their rates whether it be consolidation or blatant increase that will once more raise our waste water rates.

Respectfully,

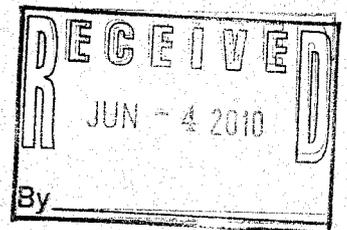
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