

OPEN MEETING AGENDA ITEM

Ms. Kristin K. Mayes
Arizona Corporation Commission
Commissioners Wing
1200 W. Washington - 2nd Floor
Phoenix, Arizona 85007

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Subject:

Reference case numbers; SW-20445A-09-0077, W-20446A-09-0080, W-02451A-09-0078, W-02450A-09-0081, W-01732A-09-0079, W-01212A-09-0082

Dear Ms. Mayes,

Please take a moment to listen to the voices concerned residents over the proposed rate increases for all water and sewer for the 11 companies that Global Water owns. The Administrative Law Judge has rendered an opinion and recommendation to the ACC that favors Global! If the increases they have requested get approved, not only will our individual home water/sewer bills go up by more than \$30 per month, the HOA water bills will for those communities with reclaimed water irrigating the common areas, go up 500%. The increase for reclaimed water will go from \$0.33 to \$2.00 per thousand gallons! No HOA on reclaimed water will be able to afford to water their common areas and homeowner assessments will be increased significantly to cover just basic irrigation costs.

Remember, Global is not asking for this increase to improve distribution or quality of the water provided. They are asking for it to increase the return on their investor's money from 3-4 percent to greater than 8 percent. What the commission does not seem to understand is the quality of water (both drinking and reclaimed) here in Maricopa is so high in calcium and salt content that we all have to have water softeners for our homes to prevent all our appliances and property from being ruined. HOA's that use reclaimed water to irrigate turf have to have acid injection systems to keep the calcium from completely clogging our irrigation lines and killing all grass, shrubs & trees within the community.

I am a senior citizen living at Province in Maricopa, semi retired and at 72 years of age, without pension and living on Social Security and savings. I have been lucky enough to find work in this troubling economy, not so with my struggling neighbors. If the recommendations of the Administrative Law Judge are approved it will be another financial burden on your senior citizens here in Maricopa. It is a signal that could trigger family bankruptcy, increase housing foreclosures and hinder commercial and residential growth of the city of Maricopa.

The average Province homeowner's rate is estimated to increase by about \$30.00. In order to make the Maricopa area more attractive the HOA's utilize a substantial amount of reclaimed water for irrigation and water conservation. The rates for reclaimed water right now are 33 cents per 1000 gallons of water. Last month Province invoice for June from Global Water was \$8000 and if the proposed increase passes for reclaimed water at \$2.00 per 1,000 gallons we would have paid \$48,000 for the month of June in reclaimed water. Basic irrigation costs will skyrocket forcing increased HOA fees and mandating more homeowners to find more affordable accommodations.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Sincerely,

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