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Kristin K. Mayes, Chairman  
Arizona Corporation Commission  
1200 West Washington Street  
Phoenix Arizona, 85007

Dear Chairman Mayes and Commission Members,

As Mayor of the City of Maricopa, I would like to express my concerns regarding Global Waters' proposed rate increase of 545% for recycled water that is under consideration by the Arizona Corporation Commission. Currently, Global Water is charging 33 cents per 1,000 gallons of recycled water. The Recommended Opinion and Order calls for an increase to \$2.00 per 1,000 gallons. In my opinion, a 545% increase cannot be rationalized in this case.

According to Global Water, 40% of the water used in Maricopa is recycled. The Homeowners Associations ("HOAs") represent the largest block of that usage and, if the increase is approved, HOA costs for water will increase by \$14,000 - \$16,000 per year per five acres of green space. Obviously, residents of the individual HOAs will bear the additional costs of any rate increase through increased HOA fees. Residents will be forced to choose between paying higher fees and sharply reducing the watering of community parks and landscaping. The beauty of Maricopa lies in the many HOA parks, green spaces and water features. Without water, our vibrant outdoor living spaces will wither and die which will adversely affect the quality of life and continue the downward pressure on the value of our homes.

At this time, I request that the Commission table this portion of the rate request until both sides can determine a more accurate cost for recycled water in Maricopa and the Commission can determine whether a five-fold increase is justified.

Thank you for your attention.

Sincerely,

Anthony Smith  
Mayor  
City of Maricopa

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