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From: Barry Hutton [songbarry@mac.com]
Sent: Wednesday, September 29, 2010 9:40 AM
To: Newman-Web
Subject: Proposed Water Rate Increase

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My wife and I retired to Anthem four years ago and live on a fixed income. Our September water bill was \$177.84. Imagine the impact of doubling that amount and then add the increases the Anthem Community and the Anthem Country Club will be forced to pass on to us.

We all know the economic calamity that has hit our nation, our state and our community. I see the empty houses in Anthem everyday and they continue to grow. I believe this rate increase could potentially be the final blow to this community. It will become an undesirable place to live as compared to all the surrounding communities in the Phoenix area. I respectfully ask that you do not allow this multi-million dollar corporation to side step normal business practices for the financing of long term capital investments in order to achieve unwarranted profits at the expense of the residents and community of Anthem.

If my wife and I are forced to leave here as a result of this unconscionable rate increase, we will not relocate anywhere in the Phoenix area, but will find a place that provides some measure of protection for it's citizens from the greed of multi-million dollar corporations.

Thank you for your consideration,
Barry Hutton
Anthem Resident

Arizona Corporation Commission
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From: mikesouris@aol.com
Sent: Thursday, September 30, 2010 4:04 PM
To: Newman-Web
Subject: Water rate increase-Anthem

Dear Commissoner Newman,

I have received and read the information regarding the proposed water rate increase that would affect all Anthem residents.

Last year, my wife and I purchased a home in this area with the intent to retire. My wife is a veteran teacher of 31 years, and I am self employed. It is our plan to retire within the next few years, when we will both will be in our 60's.

If the commission approves this rate increase, we will be forced to re-evaluate living in this area. With prices still declining, combined with exorbitant water rates, selling this house will be difficult at best.

I ask but one thing. Please be fair to all. Our future depends on it.

Thank you,

Mike Souris

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From: Jason Miska [JMiska@anthemcouncil.com]
Sent: Thursday, September 30, 2010 5:48 PM
To: Newman-Web
Subject: W & SW 01303A-09-0343

The significant increase to rates requested by Arizona American Water threatens the property values and economy of Anthem which are suffering as is. In fact, Anthem is now experiencing losses simply because of the mere possibility of an excessive increase. Many potential residential and commercial property buyers and tenants have avoided Anthem, investing elsewhere, because of this threatening rate hike. Inflicting excessively high water rates will only cause further economic damages, completely discouraging any remaining hope of viable investments in Anthem. The increased cost would be detrimental for existing households on fixed, low or moderate incomes. Many residents are now finding themselves in those income classes. Residents would face other adverse affects when existing businesses pass on the increased cost to their customers; as a result, businesses may lose business volume. Residents would face additional costs as community assessments are forced to rise. Many homeowners are already defaulting on their community dues. If the community associations do not receive dues, the aesthetics of the community may suffer as the associations cutback on water use in parks and recreational facilities, such as their exclusive water feature splash park. Such cutbacks in community amenities would further damage property values and turn off potential buyers and tenants. Many households and businesses in Anthem are already struggling. The overall combined effect of a rate increase would push many over the edge, leading to more vacant homes and vacant businesses in a poor real estate market with potential buyers avoiding Anthem altogether. Vacant homes and vacant businesses do not turn water meters. Has the water company considered the potential negative effect such a rate increase would have on their own business? If Anthem suffers, the water company will suffer. Anthem is no longer a thriving community and it may become another Arizona ghost town if water becomes expensive. Jason Miska – Anthem Homeowner

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From: Mary Claire Wilson [mcwilson120@cox.net]
Sent: Thursday, September 30, 2010 8:00 PM
To: Newman-Web
Subject: water

Dear Mr. Newman,

I can't believe you would consider letting the Arizona American Water raise our rates by 70%. I assume you would not let them do that to your water rate. Especially without knowing the total rate of expense for the infra structure.

This German company has raped many other towns in twenty states in the extreme amount of money that they charge. Have you not read about the money they have been charging in other states?

I guess the friendship of business is more important than the fair treatment of the people who live in Anthem. Would you allow this unfair rate to be charged to you?

Mary C Wilson

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From: Mary Beth Zahn [mbzahn@gmail.com]
Sent: Friday, October 01, 2010 10:13 AM
To: Newman-Web
Subject: Fwd: Anthem Water Rate Case

I am writing to let you know how concerned/irate I am over the Water Rate Increase proposed for Anthem. We moved to Anthem from Illinois 2 years ago and built a new home in the last section in town. The possible rate increase, infrastructure issue was never disclosed to us at the time of purchase. Had we been told about it we very possibly would never have made Anthem our home. What a way to damage a community that is already suffering hard times in this economy. The proposed rate increase would definitely devastate our financial state. We are a family of three and already pay \$120.00 a month for water. Back in Illinois our water bill was \$34.00 a month.

Please reconsider this increase as we have all suffered enough. Thank you for your time.

Mary Beth Zahn

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From: Carole Royal [rdwdance@gmail.com]
Sent: Sunday, October 03, 2010 4:41 PM
To: Newman-Web
Subject: Anthem water increase

I can't believe you are going to be almost doubling the rates. Many of us are just barely hanging on. If you must increase the fees, please extend this increase over many, many years so that it does not have such a huge effect on so many people. Sincerely, Carole Royal

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From: mnorman4@cox.net
Sent: Tuesday, October 05, 2010 1:55 PM
To: Newman-Web
Subject: Anthem Water Increase

Sir,

My family have been Anthem residents for over four years. We are extremely opposed of the water and sewer rate increase by American Water. Having a rate increase in this economy would have a detrimental effect on our way of life. The rate increase would cause my family as well as many other families to leave Anthem. Please consider not allowing American Water to raise the rates. We pray that you and your peers will make the right decision.

Thank You.

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From: carol ward [ckward125@gmail.com]
Sent: Wednesday, October 06, 2010 9:18 AM
To: Newman-Web
Subject: Proposed Arizona American Water Rate hike

I am an Anthem resident and have been since 2000. The proposed rate hike by Arizona American Water is just an example of corporate greed and totally unreasonable. The water company is turning a profit and has financial obligations regarding the cost of infrastructure, however, in this economy (or any) to expect homeowners in this community to almost double their current rate while real estate values plummet, is ridiculous!

As a commission, I hope you will not be swayed by the corporate interests, instead consider the people whose interests you are elected to uphold.

Carol Ward
1908 W Pumpkin Ridge Dr.
Anthem, AZ 85086

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From: joe petronzio [rmpjtp01@qwest.net]
Sent: Thursday, October 07, 2010 3:04 PM
To: Newman-Web
Subject: Water Hike

Dear Mr. Paul Newman,

PLEASE,PLEASE.PLEASE,, DO NOT let the AZ water company raise our rates.

This will have a tremendous burden on me and my wife since we are only on Social Security. We would have to consider in moving out of Anthem and finding a home with a low water rate.

PLEASE consider our request to stop the AZ Water company from raising the rate.

Thank You for your consideration.

Sincerely,

Mr. & Mrs. Joseph Petronzio